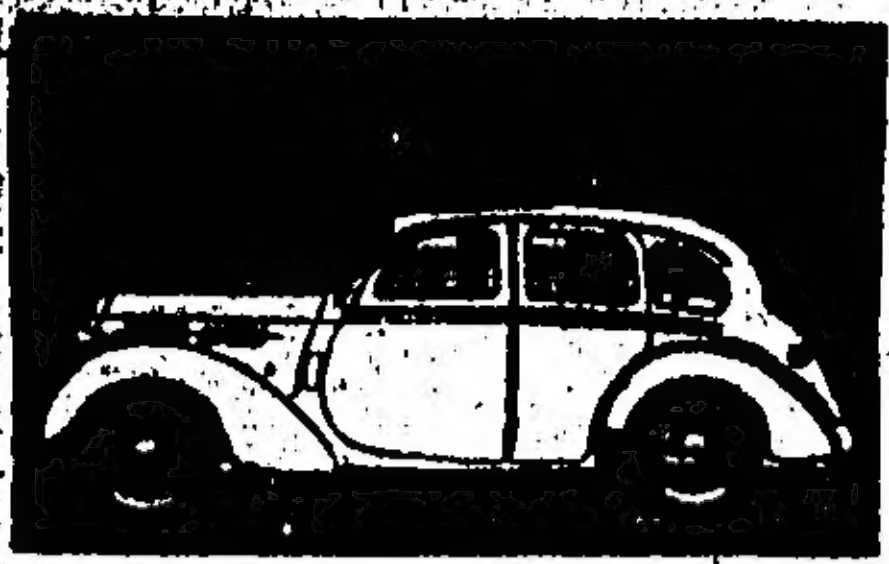


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TOKYO BELIEVES EUROPEAN 'SHOW-DOWN' SET FOR MAR. 26

IMPORTANT PRONOUNCEMENT PREPARED BY MUSSOLINI

ROME, MAR. 11.
THE STRAINED ATMOSPHERE OVER THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL SITUATION WILL, IT IS BELIEVED, COME TO A "SHOWDOWN" WHEN THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS ON MARCH 26 TO CELEBRATE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ORGANISATION.

Climaxing the recent large-scale mobilisation of troops, Premier Benito Mussolini is expected to make an important declaration on Italy's diplomatic policies vis-a-vis the civil war in Spain and colonial problems.

COLONIAL LEADERS IN ROME

Back here on urgent summons of Premier Mussolini, the Viceroy of Abyssinia, the Duke of Aosta, Marshal Italo Balbo, Governor-General of Libya, and Marshal Badoglio, who recently reviewed the Italian forces in Libya, on Friday night attended the Supreme Military Council at Palazzo Venezia.

GERMANY'S TURN TO WORRY Wave Of Armaments Come Over World

BERLIN, Mar. 12.
WHAT GERMANY needs at the present time is peace, declared Admiral Raeder, addressing a big audience, which included Herr Adolf Hitler, at the Opera House celebration of Heroes' Memorial Day.

"There are signs that mischievous hands are at work to undermine this new peace which we obtained. A wave of armaments has come over the world, the gigantic extent of which, in connection with irresponsible war agitation, might kill or seriously jeopardise all that has been achieved with so much trouble.

"DON'T BLAME US"
"We deny nobody the right to take measures for security, but we cannot remain inactive if Germany is represented as solely responsible for the gigantic armament measures, or if it is suggested that Germany alone has the intention of attacking her neighbours. Germany's work of reconstruction needs many years of quiet development.

"What the hope of real appeasement was in the past year, the armaments race of others only increased. Where there is a deficiency, it shall be made up. Germany is the protector of all Germans on this side of and beyond our frontiers."—Reuter.

Mr. T. E. Pearce has been appointed Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

25 WARSHIPS IN TEST OF SINGAPORE DEFENCE

About 25 warships of the China and East Indies Stations—cruisers, destroyers, submarines, an escort vessel and an aircraft-carrier—will take part in manoeuvres off the coast of Singapore this month during which the fixed defences of the fortress will be tested.

They began last week when the destroyers Duncan, Delight, Duchess and Diamond manoeuvred stealthily without lights in Singapore waters, after their arrival from Hongkong.

The naval exercises will culminate in an "attack" on Singapore early on Friday morning, during Singapore's first compulsory black-out.

Seafar warplanes and troops of the garrison will take part in the exercises.

CRUISE TO STRAITS PORTS
The four destroyers are making a cruise to Malacca Straits ports.

The four destroyers will return to Singapore to-day when the cruisers Manchester and Norfolk from the East Indies Station will arrive at Singapore from Rangoon and the submarines Orpheus and Proteus will also arrive after carrying out exercises in the Malacca Straits.

After a cruise of Netherlands and German ships, the Dutch and German submarines Regulus and Regulus will arrive at Singapore to-day.

GAVE NEWS TO WORLD

H.K. Cable "Scoop"
Recalled By Visit

MEET THE American newspaperman who scored the Far East's greatest news scoop of the nineteenth century.

He is septuagenarian Edward Walker Harden, former newspaper correspondent who now follows the more sedate occupation of stock and bond brokerage.

Mr. Harden is revisiting Hongkong, 41 years after he lodged a cablegram in this Colony telling the first story of Admiral Dewey's victory in Manila Bay.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harden, the veteran correspondent is making an air trip around the world, duplicating at a faster pace a journey he made in 1898.

SAW BATTLE

Mr. Harden was aboard one of Dewey's ships during the Battle of Manila Bay and his 50-word message to the New York "World" and the Chicago "Tribune" was the first authentic account of the battle to reach the United States, six days after the battle. But his message arrived six hours ahead of Admiral Dewey's.

EXPENSIVE CABLE
The cables between Manila and Hongkong were cut before the battle began, on Sunday, May 1, 1898. After the battle, Admiral Dewey despatched a ship to Hongkong with his message. Correspondent Harden was aboard that ship.

Arriving at Hongkong, the young newsman wrote a brief account of the battle and marked it "urgent." At that time the rate was \$33 a word, three times the ordinary rate. Admiral Dewey sent what is known as a "repetit" message, for greater accuracy, and as a result Harden's message reached the States ahead of the admiral's.

The New York "World" and other newspapers within the syndicate for which Harden was working had the news of the American victory on Saturday morning, May 7.

MADRID RUMOUR
Before the cables were cut, the Spanish forces in Manila had sent a message to Madrid saying that there had been a battle in which several American ships were destroyed. As a matter of fact, Dewey lost no ship.

A Spanish despatch was the first authentic account of the battle to reach the outside world.

Mr. Harden has kept his early connection with the Philippines by membership in the Manila Bay Club.

Chinese Envoys In Kowloon



MR. C. T. WANG, recently Chinese Ambassador to the United States, photographed at his home in Kowloon. With Mr. Wang is Mr. S. Y. Hsu, who was Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo until his recall by the Chinese Government.

PALESTINE WARFARE

45 Die In Outbreak In Trans-Jordan

HAIFA, Mar. 12.

AT LEAST 40 Arabs were killed and wounded in yesterday's action which was the first major engagement in Trans-Jordan.

On the Government side, the casualties included one British officer killed, one seriously wounded, and four members of the Arab Legion killed.

Fighting began in the hills, eight miles east of the River Jordan, and south of the Iraq pipe-line, near Zemel.

Over 15 air force bombers and fighters co-operated with the Trans-Jordan frontier force and the Arab Legion.

An incident in the encounter was the courage of Sergeant Coggins, of the R.A.F., who was piloting a plane from where Colonel Chrysell directed operations. The plane was hit several times, and Coggins was seriously wounded. He became faint from loss of blood, but stuck to the controls, and brought Colonel Chrysell back to safety.

ENEMY DISPERSED

Later information shows that the enemy were finally dispersed by organised pursuit units of the Arab Legion. The Government is in complete control of the situation, and calm prevails.

The enemy suffered heavy casualties, a number of their chieftains being among the slain. A Jerusalem message says that infantrymen co-operating with the air force, captured 100 identified terrorists near the Jerusalem-Jaffa railway to-day. They were in possession of gunpowder, and apparently intended to blow up the railway track.

Numerous other incidents resulted in the death of a number of terrorists at the hands of British troops in various parts of Palestine.—Reuter Special.

Miss Lau Chi-man has been appointed as a Public Vaccinator.

and the Order of the Carabao. He was in the Philippines six months in 1898.

The Harden's arrived in Hongkong by Clipper on Friday, and from here will proceed by plane to Bangkok, Calcutta, Alexandria, Athens, Rome, Paris and London. On their return to New York about May 1, Mr. and Mrs. Harden will visit the New York World's Fair.

Mr. Harden is a senior partner of the firm of Baker, Weeks and Harden, members of the New York Stock Exchange, and a director of the Radio Corporation of America and the National Broadcasting Company.

Slovak Crisis

GERMAN POLICE, CZECH SOLDIERS IN BORDER CLASHES

PRESSBURG, Mar. 12.

A NUMBER OF incidents between the German voluntary police service and Czech soldiers occurred during Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Some time after midnight, a Czech military car drew up in front of the headquarters of the German Party. Several shots were fired from the car at German voluntary policemen standing on guard in front of the building. The German guards replied with fire, whereupon the Czech military car drove off. Altogether about eight shots were fired, though nobody was injured.

Some 70 persons were arrested in Pressburg, including three Reich Germans, who were seized on Saturday night by Czech police and taken into custody despite the intervention of the German Consul-General.

PRESSBURG OCCUPIED

Government headquarters in Pressburg were also occupied on Sunday morning by Hlinka Guards and the German voluntary police. Flags of the Slovak autonomists and the Swastika waved from the buildings.

The provisional deputy Prime Minister, M. Tepiansky, acting before the formation of the Sidor Cabinet, held a telephone conversation with the Prague Foreign Minister, M. Chvalkovsky as a last act before leaving office, when he demanded the disarmament of the German voluntary police force in Slovakia. However, the voluntary policemen have refused to be disarmed.

CRISIS INTENSIFIES

In view of the continual arrests of Slovaks and Germans in Pressburg, said by this time to number several hundreds, and in view of the disquieting reports of new incidents in the provinces, excitement among the population here has mounted to fever pitch. In the "club" of foreign observers, might at any time result in a further intensification of the crisis, and may possibly have results the consequences of which could not be foreseen.

The Pressburg headquarters of the German Party were surrounded this afternoon by Pressburg police, who also occupied neighbouring houses, and a whole series of buildings behind them. The police took up their positions in front of the headquarters, while armed German Party and Hlinka guards fixed their bayonets.

This afternoon the Hlinka Guards demanded the surrender and evacuation of the Hlinka barracks. Reports from the provincial towns indicate that Czech soldiers are occupying all the important buildings. This afternoon, a great demonstration was held. In Pressburg, 11 members of the Hlinka Guard were reported to have been wounded.

PREMIER'S BROADCAST

Prime Minister Sidor broadcast this evening with the intention of allaying the excitement caused by the assurances that Czech soldiers and police would be withdrawn, thus quelling the more radical elements. The Premier said he had given an order that Czech gendarmes and police should leave Slovakia within the next 24 hours. Likewise during the next 24 hours all Slovak priests, party leaders, Hlinka Guard commanders and all district leaders and officials should be released.

Two hundred and fifty persons who had been sent to Moravia after their arrest would be brought back within the next 48 hours, and set at liberty.

"STANDING GUARD"

Premier Sidor declared that the first Council of Ministers of the new Slovak Government would meet to-night and deliberate on an immediate course of action.

The President of the Slovak Diet had asked the Czechoslovakian President to postpone the next meeting of the Diet until March 28. Premier Sidor would then submit to the Diet the programme of the new Government, and at the same time make a report of the work already accomplished by the Government.

The Premier ended his speech with the words: "We are standing guard for Slovak interests. We will build up an independent national life in Slovakia. There is now no going back. Slovakia must go forward!"—Trans-Ocean.

PROVISIONAL COMPROMISE

London, Mar. 12.
The last 48 hours has not made the Slovak crisis any less acute to the (Continued on Page 2)

CORONATION CEREMONY

Half-Million People
Pack St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 12.
OVER HALF A MILLION people were packed in St. Peter's Square, and down the new half a mile road reaching almost to the River Tiber, when Pope Pius XII was crowned supreme Pontiff on the outside balcony of St. Peter's at midday to-day. It was first time since 1846 that the Pope had been crowned in public. Millions of the faithful all over the world listened to a description of the ceremonies broadcast in seven languages.

The coronation began at 8 a.m., and were conducted with the solemn splendour of centuries-old tradition. Diplomats and princes from all parts of the world were among the worshippers who packed the great Basilica to capacity during high mass.—Reuter.

THANKS TO LIN SEN

CHUNGKING, Mar. 12.
Pope Pius XII has cabled his thanks to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, for his congratulatory message on the election of His Holiness to the Papacy.—Central News.

LATEST

Leftist Putsch Rumours

Reichenberg, Mar. 12.
Rumours of a Leftist putsch to take place this week are current among followers of the dissolved Czech Leftist parties, according to messages from Prague.

The aim would be to bring ex-President Benes and his group to power again.

The putsch plans are said to be backed by legionaries and a part of the General Staff.

The planned coup would also extend to Slovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Japan's Record Budget

TOKYO, Mar. 12.
JAPAN'S BUDGET for 1939-40 amounts to 10,410,000,000 yen.

It includes the ordinary Budget at 3,694,000,000 yen, and extraordinary Military Budget for the China Incident of 4,605,000,000 yen, and a supplementary Budget for the Navy and War Ministries of 2,111,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

INQUIRY INTO AFFAIRS OF 350-CINEMAS GROUP

Board Of Trade Appoints Inspector

SHAREHOLDERS' demands for an inquiry have resulted in the appointment of Mr. Russell Kettle—a partner in the firm of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths and Co., chartered accountants—as an inspector to investigate the affairs of the Gaumont-British Picture Corporation, which controls about 350 cinemas.

This announcement by the Board of Trade recently follows an application made about a year ago by a body of shareholders representing more than the stipulated one-tenth of the share capital of £6,250,000.

The committee of shareholders stated in their circular that they wanted an inquiry into how the company's subscribed capital had been utilised.

Information was also sought on the present state of the company's affairs and on the agreement with the Fox Film Corporation, an American undertaking.

REPORT TO BOARD

Under this agreement it was stated that some control of Gaumont-British was given to Fox Film Corporation through its holding in Metropolis and Bradford Trust, which holds 65 per cent. of Gaumont-British shares.

The Companies Act provides that it shall be the duty of all officers and agents of the company to produce to the inspector the books and documents in their custody. The inspector can examine the officers on oath and he has to report to the Board of Trade.

Gaumont-British affairs have been in the public eye recently. At the beginning of this year it was announced that negotiations were proceeding by which it was hoped Odeon Theatres would make an offer for the Gaumont shares and also the voting shares of the Ostrer group.

The proposed offer was not to be made until there had been an examination of accounts and a survey of properties. This was expected to take place in March or April, but the latest move may cause delay.

Fashion Raids The Tropics

COLOURS are to be quieter this spring. Exhausted, perhaps, by one or two seasons of screaming pinks and riotous reds, the spring scale of shades sinks to a delicate diminuendo of pastels.

Strong colours for brunettes and bright colours for blondes take second place to the more delicate in-between tones that suit the subtle colouring of the "mid-brown" Englishwoman.

At the British Colour Council display of 1939 shades, five groups of colour correlations are shown, all represented in British merchandise—fabrics, gloves, hats and bags. CARIBOU AND MANILLA The first main group shows the new tropical pastels. These are bluish greens, dulled corn pinks, soft brownish reds—all with that misty look of objects seen in an aquarium, or perhaps when swimming in a lagoon.

The Edwardian influence tones down the brilliant fuchsias and

DOCTOR TRIED 'TERROR' DRUG

Concerned at the number of mental patients who feared the drug cardinal, Dr. J. E. O'N. Gillespie, of the Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, tried it on himself.

Cardinal produces convulsions, which in certain circumstances ally the effects of mental disorders.

Some patients told Dr. Gillespie that "the very thought of taking the drug again makes me shiver with horror."

Dr. Gillespie, having taken his injection, experienced this:

"I felt my body and limbs coming to life straight in the bed and my head turning to a central position."

"Then, very rapidly, something seemed to move in my arms and thorax and to pass up to the base of my neck, where it stopped and increased in intensity. Unconsciousness developed quickly."

Dr. Gillespie describes his experience in a recent issue of "The Lancet."

magentas of last season with more delicate amethyst mauves and two sugar-sweet colours known as sea pink and amaranth.

An important range showing the new "Indy-like" influence in clothes and colourings is the scale of greys and beiges. Caribou is a very warm dark grey. Ash grey is rather cooler in tone and manilla is the new beige. Mixtures of grey and beige, with darker contrasting accents, will be a feature of spring colour schemes for day outfits.

For spring and summer dresses there is the more usual range of fresh bright blues and salad greens.



Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy gave a Gay Nineties party in Beverly Hills, Cal., and here is some of the fun as guests enact the Can-Can dance. Left to right: Betty Grable, Princess Babin, Martha Raye and Dorothy Lamour.

Experts Failed To Answer A Mere Layman's Query

A HUNDRED medical psychology experts from all parts of the country recently failed to answer the question: "What is psychological treatment?"

Mr. Henderson, a Home Office official, unable to attend, sent the question with his letter of regret.

He was being asked the question more and more by interested laymen, he said, and he would like to have a definition by experts in words the layman could understand.

Dr. Edelstone, of Leeds, provided the homespun definition: "Psychological treatment supplies the parental affection the patient has never had."

THE COMFORTER Miss Madeleine Symons, J.P., said: "I am convinced that it is no impenetrable scientific mystery, but common sense."

At the end of two and half hours of uninterrupted discussion (not all of it about the definition) Dr. Denis

Carroll, director of the Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency, W.I., comforted his colleagues by announcing that he was writing a pamphlet on the subject expressed entirely in non-scientific terms.

The psychologists were attending the only public meeting of the fourth biennial Child Guidance International Conference at the British Medical Association House, W.C.1. They brought stories from clinics throughout the country which showed the advances made recently by sending delinquent children to remand centres and foster-homes instead of to prison.

2,000 "GOOD" 2,000 "BAD" Professor A. M. Carr-Saunders, of the London School of Economics, outlined the work of the Home Office inquiry into the causes of juvenile delinquency being carried out under his direction.

A thousand boys from London and a thousand from Cardiff, Hull, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield, guilty of indictable offences, are being compared with 2,000 boys of the same ages from the same schools who have never been in conflict with authority.

No such comprehensive investigation "on the spot" has so far been attempted, said Professor Carr-Saunders. There are 50 headings on the questionnaire.

Phone Girl Chases Man In New York

IN the glare of arc lamps, microphones above their heads, two of London's international phone girls showed how they "get their men."

Thousands of radio listeners heard them. Television viewers watched. Around the girls in the Post Office's Faraday House were 20 other operators talking in half-a-dozen tongues to twice as many countries. Leslie Mitchell, the commentator, wanted Captain Townley of the Aquatania, two days out from England. He was talking to him within a minute. It was Miss Hilda Collins who put him through.

TALK WITH CLOWN

Listeners heard the conversation. They heard, too, phone talks with two of the passengers: Fred Bishop, driver of the Coronation Scot, on his way to the United States with the L.M.S. wonder express; and Clown Kelly, who was at Olympia. Then Mr. Gerald Cook, director of television at Alexandra Palace, put Eileen Jones through a transatlantic chase. He asked for Mr. John Royal, president of the National Broadcasting Co., "somewhere in New York."

A quick play-in on Miss Jones' board. A search starts by radio and telephone. In New York another girl is working as telephone detective. She calls Mr. Royal's home. He isn't there. She calls an hotel. He isn't there. He isn't at his club. He is in the studio.

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While the formula has been submitted only for experimental purposes, it is understood that Sir John Anderson, A.R.P. chief, is taking a keen interest in the preparation.

It has been suggested that medical experts, acting for the Government, should go to Madrid to study the effect of the preparation on the war-stricken population.

In Capsule Form

Sir John Anderson's department is said to be in consultation with the Ministry of Health as to the possibility of issuing the preparation in a simple and safe capsule form.

Made A Fortune Out Of Fairies

WILLIAM Butler Yeats, the Irish poet whose death at the age of seventy-three was announced recently, made a fortune out of fairies.

His poems and plays were about places and people existing only in his mind.

People thought he really believed in fairies until one day he said: "Fairies - poor! What are fairies? What they call fairies in Galway they call spirits at a Soho seance."

Not only was he a writer of exquisite lyrics, but his appearance was in keeping with the popular conception of a poet.

With a shabby black cloak over his shoulders, a soft black sombrero on his head, a voluminous black silk tie round his neck, he wandered through the streets of Dublin with his hands behind his back and his head in the air.

He looked roly and gentle, but he had a quick sense of humour. When telephoned in 1923 to be told that he had won the Nobel Prize for

The Government are impressed with the claims of the inventor, and hope that if its issue can be restricted to prevent over-dosing it will play a valuable part in the protection of the civil population, especially women and children.

"The idea of the formula is to alleviate human misery in times of great stress," the Daily Sketch was told by one in close touch with the inventor.

"Such a preparation in war-time would be of incalculable value. Scientists who have been investigating the properties of the 'panic pill' say that Madrid, during a bombardment, would provide ideal conditions for experiment."

literature he said: "Good. How much is it worth in English money?"

"COME TO SUPPER" When told "About £7,000," he said: "That's good news. Come to supper. My wife is frying sausages."

For years school children have learned his poem. "The Lake Isle of Innisfree." He wrote it in a London park when he was a young man. Though he would never say where "Innisfree" was, it was said to be a rocky islet in Lough Gill, known locally as Rat Island. The fame of the poem took many literary pilgrims to Sligo.

He lived at Rathfarnham at the foot of the Dublin mountains, but in recent years, because of his health, he went to the Riviera in the winter. It was at Mentone that he died. He married in 1917 and leaves a wife and a son and daughter.

Debutante Will Sue Count

MISS Diana Ursula Challacombe, beautiful young blonde, former last year's debutante, is plaintiff in an action pending in the High Court.

She is suing Count Manfred Czernin, of York-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., for damages for alleged assault and battery.

The claim arises out of incidents said to have taken place after a dinner party at Lansdowne House on November 30. The defence is a denial of the allegations.

Count Czernin is a cousin of the wife of Dr. Schuschnigg, ex-Austrian Chancellor.

IS AIRWOMAN

The action has been set down for hearing in the special jury list of the King's Bench Division, but is not expected to be reached this term.

Tall and slim, Miss Challacombe, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nicholas Challacombe, has appeared in several films and on the stage.

She is, too, a well-known sports-woman. At school she won eight cups for sport, including tennis and swimming, and holds a record for high jumping. Riding and equestrian are other forms of sport in which she excels.

Recently she took up flying and holds a pilot's certificate.

Free Meals For Good Taste

Toledo, O.

To make Jones Junior high school students more vitamin-conscious, three free meals are awarded every day to those who choose their food the most scientifically in the school cafeteria.

State Railways

Canberra, Australia.

State owned railways are charitable. Minister of the Interior McEwen has arranged for free transportation on the Commonwealth railways for children, and their escorts, when travelling for medical examination and treatment.



Here is a picture from Spain, taken during General Francisco Franco's insurrection drive on the Loyalist capital of Barcelona. It shows a supply truck near Arles del Segre hit by Loyalist air raiders. An insurgent soldier attempts to salvage some of the material from the truck, set afire by the bombs.

Brutality By The Police Alleged

MEMBERS of Parliament recently gave evidence in support of a demand for an inquiry into allegations that police used unnecessary brutality in dispersing "Arms for Spain" demonstrators in the West End.

So many statements have been made that defenceless and unoffending men and women were charged and batoned during orderly picketing that the National Council of Civil Liberties decided to lay the evidence before Parliament.

The Commissioner of Police also received signed statements from witnesses of alleged police violence.

Among the people alleged to have been injured in Parliament Square

was Mrs. Joyce Lee, of Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.

SERIOUS WOUNDS

Her right eye was closed and swollen.

A doctor who is attending her found serious wounds over both eyes, and an X-ray examination is to be made to determine whether there is any fracture of the skull.

Mrs. Lee's thigh is also sprained, and numerous bruises make it difficult for her to walk without assistance.

Ship Beached Near City

Sydney, N. S. W.

Sydney had a shipwreck at its front door. The freighter Sydney Star, after a collision with the coastal freighter Macumba, late at night, had to be beached at Rose Bay, near the Empire flying-boat base.

THE BUSINESS BAROMETER

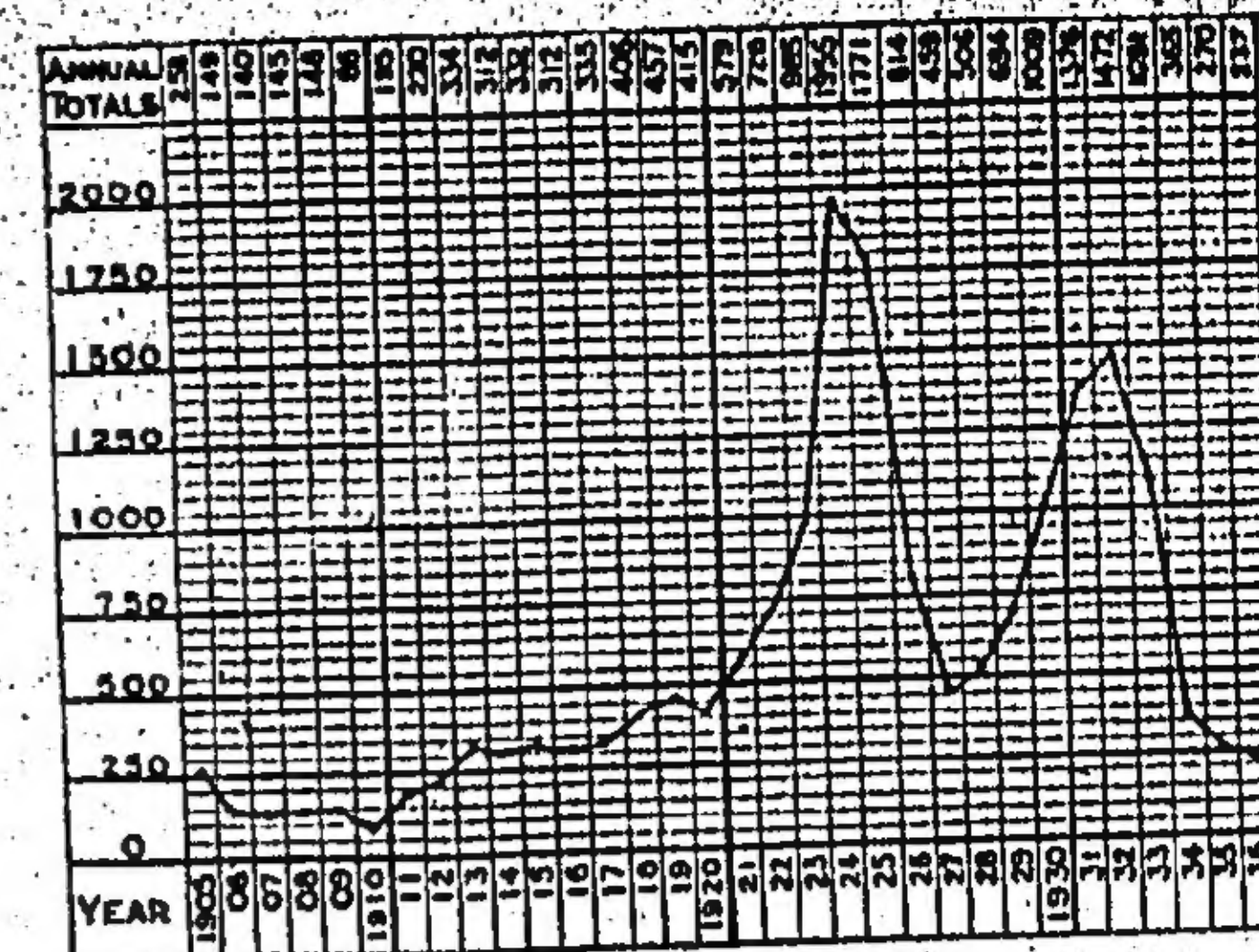


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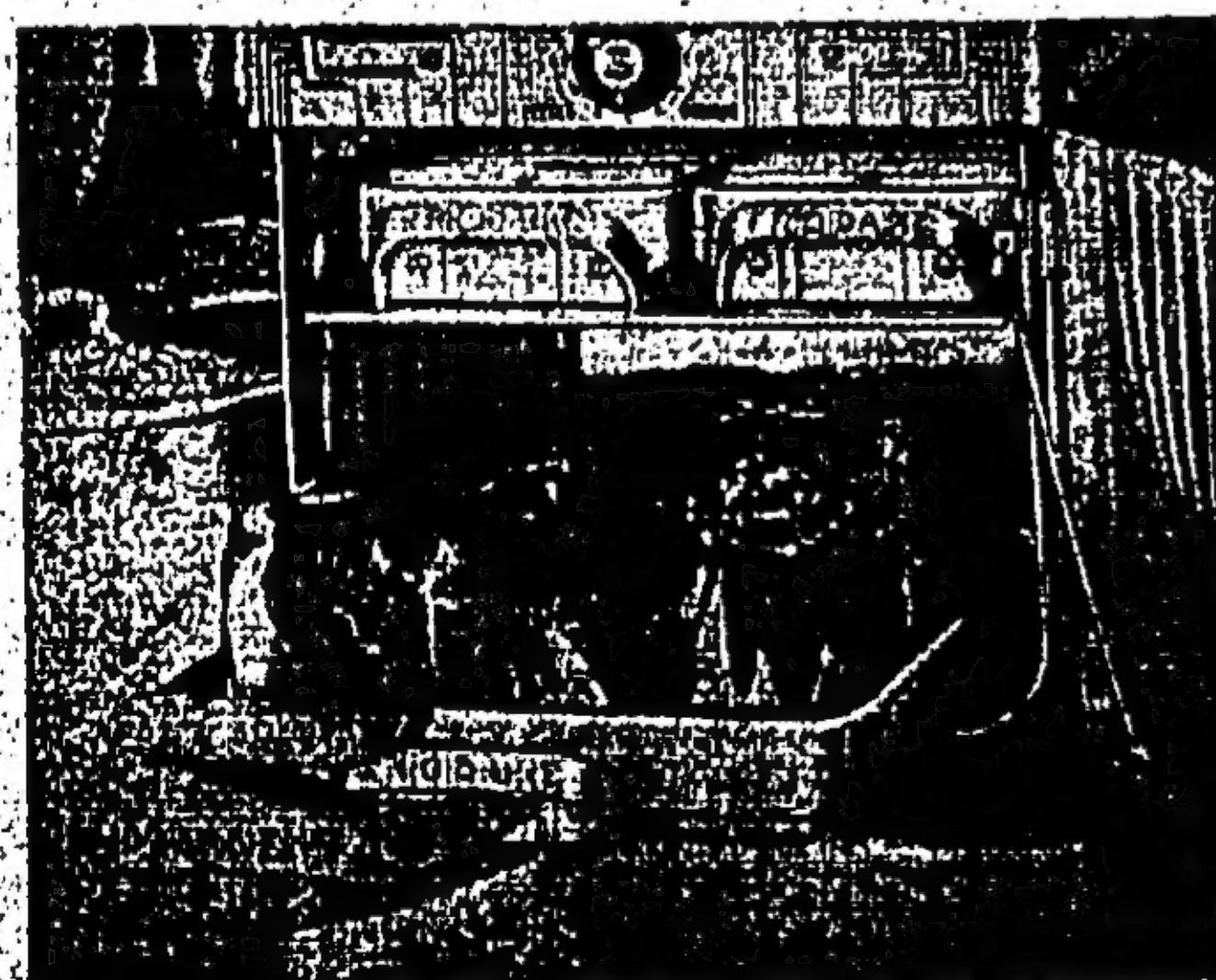
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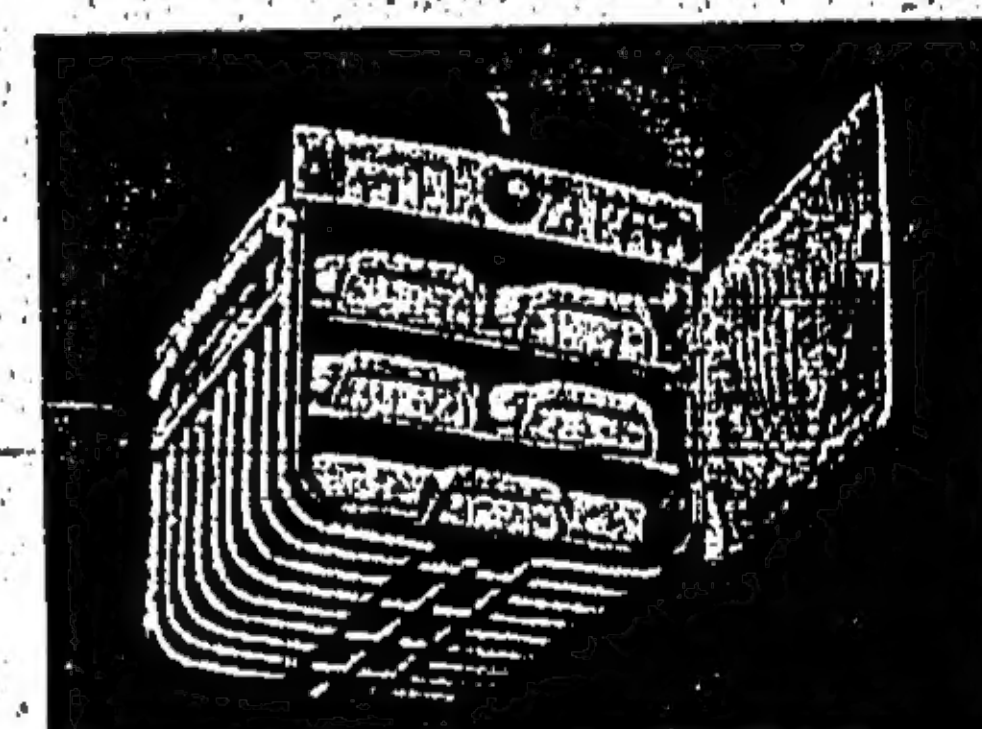
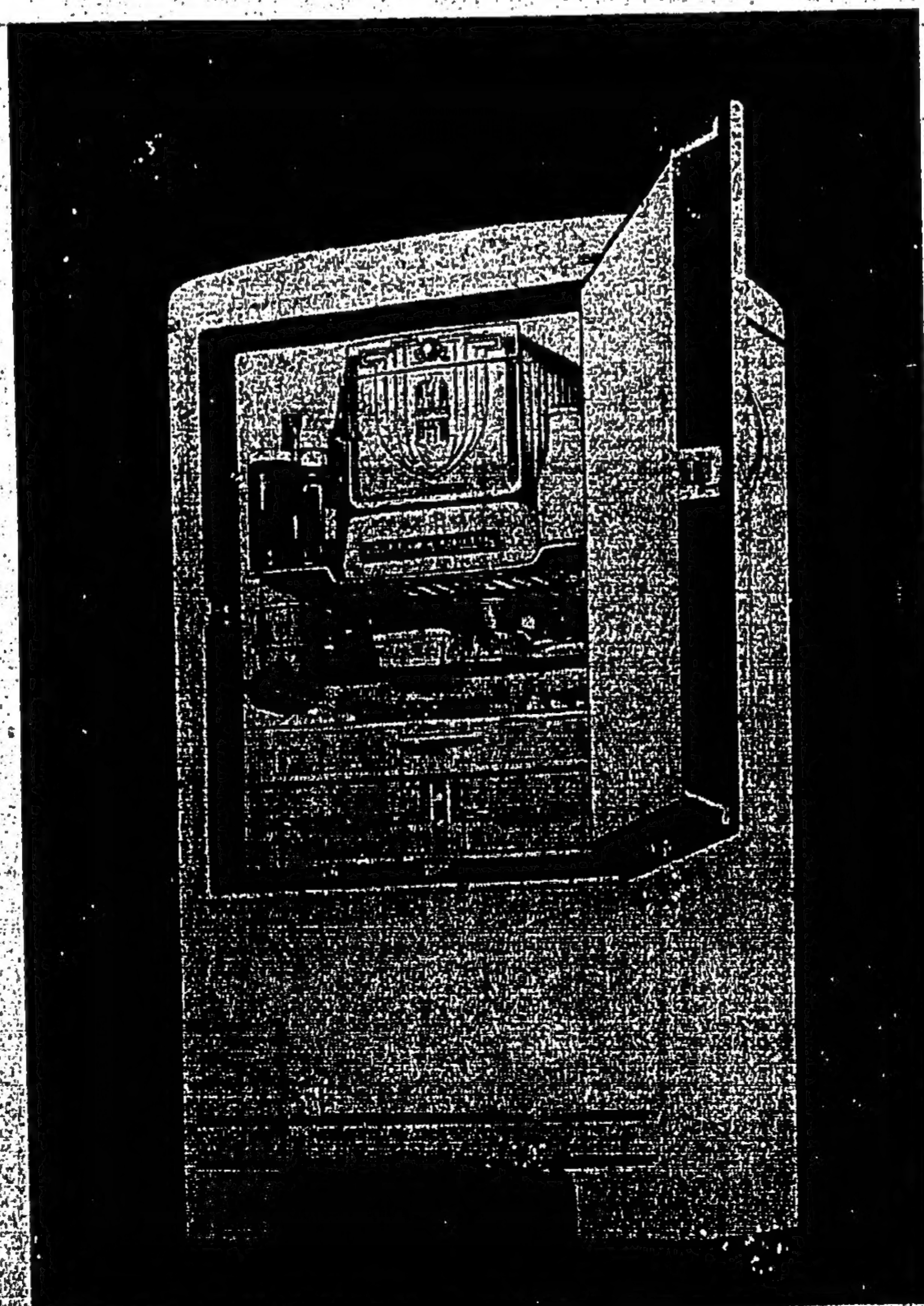
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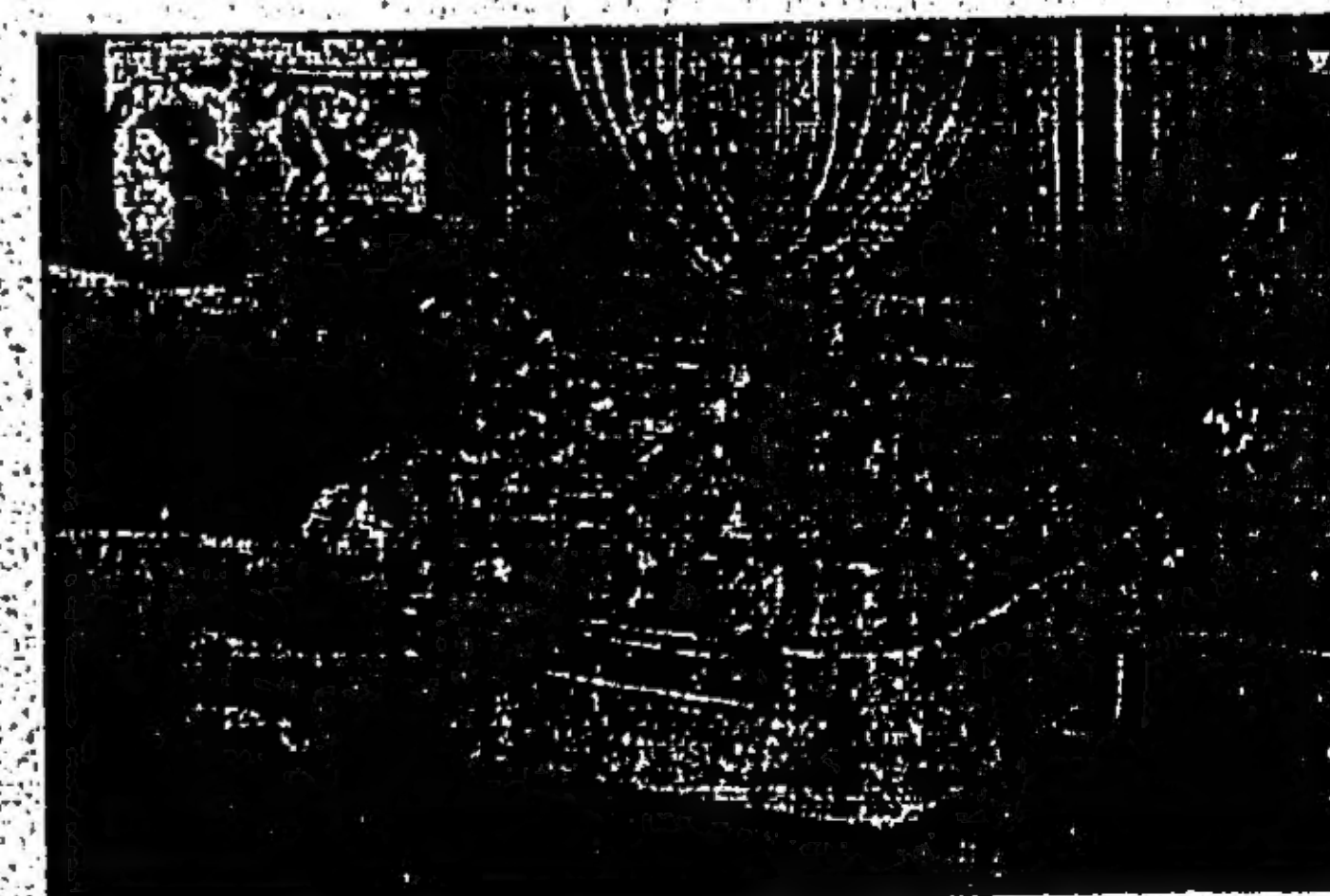
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Defence Talks In N. Zealand Empire Delegates To Gather

LONDON, Mar. 12. THE DOMINIONS OFFICE states that "as a result of a suggestion put forward about the middle of last year by the Government of New Zealand, which has since been under discussion between the governments concerned, arrangements have now been completed for a meeting in New Zealand in the near future of a conference between representatives of the governments of New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom, to consider Pacific questions of common concern, with special reference to defence questions.

"The United Kingdom representatives will be the High Commissioner in New Zealand for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and representatives of the defence services."—Reuter.

MADRID QUIET

Communist Leaders Surrender To Miaja

MADRID, Mar. 12. THE CAPITAL is now considered to be free of Communist influence.

The leaders are stated to have surrendered unconditionally.

A Paris message says that Madrid is starting to live normally again, and tramway workers are replacing overhead wires.

The inhabitants in the Chamartin district, where the Communists made their last stand, are now returning to their homes.

Shops are re-opening on Monday, and municipal workers are already at their posts.—Reuter.

George V Goes To Last Resting Place

LONDON, Mar. 12. THE KING AND QUEEN, with Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family went to St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle to-day for the dedication of the tomb of George V.

Canon Deane conducted the brief ceremony.

The service consisted of prayers written especially for the occasion, the whole proceedings lasting only a quarter of an hour, after which the Royal Family inspected the tomb.

An official statement afterwards said: "The coffin of King George V was removed from the royal vault and placed in a tomb in the second westernmost bay on the north side of the nave.

"The figure of King George is shown in white marble, wearing an Admiral's uniform and the Garter robes."—Reuter.

Indian Congress Supports Gandhi

Tripturi, Mar. 12. The plenary session of Congress to-day passed a resolution expressing confidence in Gandhi by an overwhelming majority and amid shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi Jai" (Victory for Gandhi).

The session also passed a resolution for self-determination after rejecting an amendment suggesting a six months' ultimatum to the British Government.

The three-day plenary session of the National Congress concluded after passing resolutions disapproving and dissociating itself from the British foreign policy, "which consistently aided Fascist Powers."

Other resolutions expressed confidence in Gandhi, demanded self-determination for India, voiced admiration for the courage and determination of the Arabs in Palestine, and expressed anxiety regarding the "rapidly deteriorating" position of the Indians overseas, especially in the Empire.—Reuter.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

German Adviser Back In China

Chungking. After a sojourn of six weeks in Germany, Herr H. J. von Lochow, adviser to the Chinese Communications Ministry, has returned to Chungking.

Herr von Lochow's trip was devoted to giving first-hand information about present conditions and problems in China, her economic situation and communication system to leading German manufacturers and industrialists.

The adviser brought back several personal messages from German leaders to high Chinese Government officials.—Central News.

Chungking-Hanoi Air Service

Chungking, Mar. 13. The Chungking-Hanoi air service operated by the C.N.A.C. will be inaugurated to-morrow, a trial flight by a Douglas plane on March 8 having proved satisfactory.

Planes flying between Chungking and Hanoi will stop over at Kunming.—Central News.

HELP FOR STUDENTS

Excellent Work Done By Hongkong Committee

A total of 453 students from the war areas have been given financial help by the Hongkong Committee for Student Relief since its organization last December.

The number included 254 college students, 105 middle school students and 11 technical school students.

The total amount of money appropriated to the students by the committee as travelling expenses, school fees and loans reached \$5,001.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A CABLE SYNOPSIS OF THE TRADER'S COLUMN IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE OF BARRON'S WEEKLY:

NEW YORK: MARCH 11 (SATURDAY):

The Trader says that the unmistakable quickenings in speculation for a rise and the marked increased buying in nearly every major industry presages an increase in business indexes before the end of March.

The buying spurt during the past week was the strongest since the sensational advance in last June. Farm-equipment, electrical-equipment and automobile shares were the leading securities.

Steel companies' incoming orders for the first-half of February exceeded those of any two months in the last three years. This warrants optimism with regard to the size of the Spring pick-up. Forward buying of steel was cautious. The profit margin is low in textiles, steel and electrical-equipment.

The absence of swollen inventories, inflated credits and high interest rates favour the retention of equities.

The growing restlessness of idle funds is reflected in the strength of American Telephone & Telegraph and du Pont de Nemours stocks. The spread of yield between high-grade and second-grade bonds does not indicate any impending reversal of the up-trend.

Odd lot traders were selling and buying during the past week.

The technical position is probably as good as before the up-swing began a few weeks ago.

The market, on the whole, was little affected by the selling of copper shares.

GERMAN POLICE, CZECH SOLDIERS IN BORDER CLASHES

(Continued from Page 1.)

outside world, writes the diplomat correspondent of the "Observer," although, he adds, a great deal has happened.

In Prague, the appointment of a new Slovak Cabinet is regarded as a provisional compromise, which for the time being, ensures a constitutional government in Slovakia.

Slovak opinion is divided between the new Premier Sidor and the youthful radicals demanding separation.

Another factor is the German minority which, although numerically weak, clamours loudly on behalf of the Slovak extremists, whose leader asserts that behind them stands the power of the Reich.

A very hopeful feature is the absence of any reported incidents.

GERMAN PROTECTION?

Well-informed circles are of the opinion that it is probable M. Sidor's Government may be compelled to demand the withdrawal of Czech forces, after which, the recently discovered leaders may return. There is some talk of the possibility of a separate Slovak State under German protection, with a customs and currency union with the Reich.

Hitherto the German Government has taken no active steps, nor replied to ex-Premier Tiso's note requesting help. German officials confessing inability to read the situation clearly, but deplore its "dangerous possibilities."

Semi-official German opinion trends to regard Sidor's Government as a paper Ministry, but lack of positive German action has given rise to the belief in some quarters that the Reich has not decided whether it is opportune to back the Slovak secessionists to the full.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN CLAIM

Warsaw, Mar. 12. The view that Ruthenians should be incorporated in Hungary was expressed by Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister in a statement to the Foreign Affairs Commission, in which he shed light on certain important aspects of foreign policy. He said that the Government had no declaration to make on the Ukrainian problem. It was raised by press propaganda, and was not diplomatic action.

Their relations with Soviet were based on a pact of non-aggression and the bilateral declaration of November last. Traces of tension which, however, not out of actual feelings between the two, but through their attitude towards other States and problems, had disappeared.

Colonel Beck next referred to Poland's interest in the Baltic region, the situation at Danzig, and the negotiations with Germany on the subject of the minorities.

COLONIAL CLAIMS

Dealing with colonial claims which "life obliges us to consider," Colonel Beck said that foreign attitude to Polish wishes was becoming more and more friendly. The Government had not formulated precise demands or plans, but it was convinced that it would be called to table deliberations as soon as the question was ready for international discussion.

The problem of Jewish emigration must be settled in collaboration with States in possession of territories for emigrants, and the Jews themselves.—Reuter.

15 Die In Fire In Hokkaido

Hakodate, Mar. 12. Fifteen persons including children were burnt to death when a fire broke out in a dry goods store at Matsukazecho, Hakodate City Saturday night.

Six houses were destroyed and one other was partially destroyed before the fire was put under control. A strong gale hampered the efforts of fire-fighters.—Domei.

BELIEVED AFFAIR WILL BE PEACEFULLY SETTLED BY PRAGUE

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the Slovak Diet; the Minister of Commerce is Dr. Peter Zalko, Secretary General of the Slovak Industrial Association and the Finance Minister is Dr. Hrdinar Young, hitherto an unknown member of the Slovak National Unity Party.—United Press.

Leaders in Conference

Berlin, Mar. 11. Herr Adolf Hitler to-day conferred with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and other high officials on the Slovak crisis. It is reliably reported that Hitler decided to await further developments before taking definite action.

The Nazis seem to feel that the Czech Government has betrayed Germany by dismissing Dr. Tiso and his associates. It is reliably reported that Hitler will not tolerate any action which he considers violates the Munich and Vienna Agreements.—United Press.

Vienna Trouble-Making

Vienna, Mar. 12. A leading official of the Nazi Party in Vienna left to-night for Bratislava. No explanation is given regarding his mission.

Meanwhile the Vienna wireless station is broadcasting every half hour appeals to the Slovak population in their own language to carry on the fight against the Prague Government. The broadcasts accuse the Prague Government of provoking the crisis. The announcer to-night spoke of concentrated Czech troop movements on the German-Slovak frontier.—Reuter.

France Not Moving

Paris, Mar. 11. The spirit of Munich has permeated the European chancelleries of all Powers and has left Berlin a free hand to attempt to impose a settlement between the Czechs and Slovaks. France has not moved to prevent the second stage of dismemberment of a once powerful ally, although she is still hopeful that complete dismemberment can be avoided.

There is definitely no tension similar to that in September, because France feels she is not bound by any agreement to interfere.—United Press.

Diplomatic Confidence

London, Mar. 12. Hope of the formation of a new Government under M. Sidor to end the Slovak crisis is expressed by correspondents from Central Europe, although it is admitted that Germany's indeterminate attitudes introduces an element of uncertainty.

The more confident view held in Whitehall of the prospect of a European settlement is unaffected by the sudden crisis, says the Observer's diplomatic correspondent.

He adds that evidence received in London does not suggest that Dr. Tiso's attempted coup was the result of any immediate German arrangement. Indeed there is evidence to suggest that Dr. Tiso proved more German than the Germans, and caused embarrassment to Chancellor Hitler and Herr von Ribbentrop. By appealing direct to Berlin he raised a further issue for Germany's Central European policy at a time when Herr von Ribbentrop would rather not have had it raised.

On the other hand the Vienna broadcasting station was instructed to support the Slovak separatist issue, while German influence on the other helped to bring about a quietening emotion.

In one sense the Bratislava incidents are regarded as merely emphasizing the underlying argument for changing from a state of jitter to one of confidence.—Reuter.

ROTARY CLUB

At to-morrow's meeting of the Rotary Club, the speaker will be Rotarian Dr. Cheung T. Wang, Past District Governor, and his subject, "A Turn of the Wheel."

On Saturday a few members were assembled to greet at 11 a.m. some Rotarians on the tourist liner Empress of Britain.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1889. Hongkong Jockey Club.—Tenders are invited for Plans and Estimates for a New Grand Stand, St. Grotte, Acting Clerk of the Course.

W. S. Gilbert says he would abolish tightness on the stage if they were only worn to enhance the attractions of a leg. "A Rosalind," said the eminent playwright, "may wear decent lights, but they are necessary for the part. But what I object to are the rows of ladies' tight-clothed legs, which are merely a vulgar display of the legs of the young gentlemen in the stalls. In the old days, when I wrote burlesques, I was glad enough to get my sleeves produced, but having no authority, I had no choice in the matter. When I came into power I was told that burlesques without legs meant death. As I have only one leg, I consider our Savoy plays burlesques; was I right or wrong?"

News has been received from Lake Nyasa that General Lugard is still holding Karonga with a greatly reduced garrison, including six Europeans, the remainder having left owing to illness. The Sultan's commissioner had nearly arranged peace with the Arabs. (Eighteen years later Lord Lugard became Governor of Hongkong.—Ed.) Public feeling in France regarding the Danube project is strong. The canal company is one of utter despondency. De Lesseps, in an interview, said that if all the 60,000 bonds issued through the Danube Parisienne are not taken the enterprise must be abandoned, and a foreign nation would, for a morsel of bread, get the gigantic work, which was nearly finished, and upon which French investors had spent their millions. The canal would be completed, but neither by nor for the French.—(The ubiquitous magazine, "The Nation," has a great work. For nearly 20 years the project was abandoned, to be revived by the United States, which tackled malaria before the cutting. The ruins of the canal were opened in 1914. The ruins of de Lesseps project can still be seen near the U.S. built canal.—Ed.)

25 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1914. "Mrs. Penkhurst was addressing a gathering of suffragettes at St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, when a large force of men, with truncheons drawn, rushed into the midst. A fierce fight ensued. The platform was guarded by barbed wire concealed in flowers.

The Times announces that in view of the gravity of the political situation, it reduces its price on and after March 10 to one penny. The finely modelled steel screw steamer "Tanchang" built to the order of the China Navigation Co., Ltd. for their Shanghai-Tientsin trade was launched from the Takao Dockyard. Mrs. Halifax performed the christening ceremony.

Reuter's correspondent at Hankow states that "White Wolf" has burned part of Lashokow, an important city in Szechwan. The troops guarding the city mutilated. Telegrams from Lashokow state that one foreigner was killed and wounded. Their names are not ascertained; probably they are Norwegian missionaries.

10 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1929. One of the worst fire disasters in the history of the Colony occurred in the early hours of this morning, the King Edward Hotel being completely gutted, the blaze spreading into the upper storeys of the Savoy Hotel. The "Ling" statue was the loss of several lives, including a number of Europeans, while among the injured were General Chan King-shu, the Civil Governor of Kwantung, and his wife, who like many others, jumped from the blazing building and had exceedingly narrow escapes.

The fact that the fire escapes could not reach the upper floors of the burning hotel was largely responsible for the casualties. Numbers of residents were trapped and there were exciting scenes as they leaped into the jumping sheets held out by firemen and volunteers.

One European lady, Mrs. J. J. Robson, the wife of a Naval Yard Official, jumped from the fourth floor into the street and was killed instantaneously. Mr. Robson perished in the flames. Several charred bodies have, this morning, been observed in the ruins of the building. It is feared that Mr. Enos Smith, who was on a holiday visit to the Colony, is among the missing.

One of the earliest Europeans on the scene was Mr. N. V. A. Groucher, of Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, who was amongst those who rendered assistance in holding the Brigade shields into which entrapped residents of the hotel jumped.

The manager of the hotel, Mr. J. H. Whitehall, who lived on the fifth floor, and his family had exceedingly narrow escapes.

5 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1934. An important decision taken by the Admiralty in regard to the problem of saving life from sunken submarines, was announced by the First Lord, Sir Bolton Eyre-Mountbatten in the debate on the naval estimates. After the fullest consideration, he stated, the conclusion had been reached that the raising of a sunken submarine in time to save life by that means was not a feasible operation and that the most certain, and indeed, the only practical method which they knew of saving life, was the Davis submerged escape apparatus now fitted to all submarines, on which it was proposed to rely in future.



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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Kalyso Maru	March 13.
Hainan and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	March 13.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	March 13.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	March 15.
Shanghai	Emp. of Japan	March 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 15.
Japan	Jeppore	March 15.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th March.	Pan American Airways plane	March 15.
Tientsin	Prominent	March 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Corfu	March 16.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 16th February and London date, 16th February	Hosang	March 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th February)	Pres. Garfield	March 16.
Straits, Manila and London date, 2nd February	Ajax	March 17.
Japan	Bokuyou Maru	March 17.
Hainan and Pakhoi	Canton	March 17.
Manila	Pleasantville	March 17.
Tientsin and Swatow	Rawalpindi	March 17.
Manila and Straits	Yingchow	March 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th February)	M/V Victoria	March 18.
Straits	Pres. Pierce	March 18.
Manila	Somali	March 18.
	Euryates	March 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Direct Service"—due 20th March	Imperial Airways Plane London.	Mon., Mar. 13. K.P.O. Reg. Mar. 13, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Mar. 13, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java, and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due March	Imperial Airways Plane Sydney.	Mon., Mar. 13. K.P.O. Reg. Mar. 13, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Mar. 13, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 7 p.m.

Tuesday		
Canton	Kinshan	Tues. Mar. 14, 8.15 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tjibadak	Tues. Mar. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hainan	Jean Dupuis	Tues. Mar. 14, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Anhui	Tues. Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Chunchoo and Amoy	Taiyuan	Tues. Mar. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Tingsang	Tues. Mar. 14, 7 p.m.

Wednesday		
Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Wed. Mar. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Wed. Mar. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chunchoo and Foochow	Selatan	Wed. Mar. 15, 3 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 22nd March.		Pan American Airways Plane.....Wed. Mar. 15
		K.F.O.
Reg.....	Mar. 15, 5 p.m.	
Ord.....	Mar. 15, 5.30 p.m.	
		G.P.O.
Reg.....	Mar. 15, 5 p.m.	
Ord.....	Mar. 15, 7.30 a.m.	

Thursday	
Swatow	Kwangtung Thurs., Mar. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane	
Direct Service"—due London,	Thurs., Mar. 16.
23rd March	K.P.O.
	Reg. Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord. Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.

		G.F.O.	
		Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
		Ord.	Mar. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 25th March			
		Imperial Airways Plane	
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Russia?

THE biggest handicap in British diplomacy at the present time is of the British Government's own creation: It is their deliberate cold-shouldering of Russia.

This refusal of Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues to collaborate with Russia contributed more than anything else to the democratic rout at Munich. Russia had publicly avowed in unambiguous terms her intention of fulfilling her treaty obligations. But the British Government apparently preferred to believe the tittle-tattle of cosmopolitan busy-bodies who asserted that Russia was either unwilling or unable to fulfil her obligations.

This determination to force Russia into isolation—to treat her as the pariah of Europe—continues. Mr. Chamberlain, it seems, would prefer to lose the British Empire without Russian support than keep it with Russian help.

It is not only that the British Government are throwing away a valuable friend in time of peace and a powerful ally if need should arise. The inevitable effect of trying to isolate Russia must be to throw her into the arms of Germany. This possibility has often haunted the Foreign Offices of France and Britain, and now Mr. Chamberlain seems in a fair way to bringing it about.

In view of Herr Hitler's denunciations of "Bolshevism," such an outcome may seem impossible. But stranger things have happened, and the present trade talks between Russia and Germany should give abundant food for thought in Downing Street.

KORDA: NO ROMANCE

MR. ALEXANDER KORDA, the film producer, who arrived at Plymouth recently from New York, denied that he was married or that there was a romance between him and Merle Oberon.

He also described as "nonsense" reports that he was fed up with England and was contemplating living in America.

"I may make films occasionally in Hollywood, but London will always be my headquarters," he said.

TO-DAY IN HISTORY

A BISHOP who sought health IN TAR-WATER

"I HAVE," said Dr. George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, "bestowed more pains on this work than on any of my other productions."

Berkeley referred to a book entitled "Virtues of Tar-water," in which he extolled the benefits of a concoction for curing various ailments.

Accused of exaggerating, Berkeley retorted: "To speak out, I suspect tar-water is a panacea."

Whereupon the newspapers of the day waxed sarcastic at the bishop's expense. Here is an epigram published in one periodical:

"Who dare deride what pious Cloyne has done?
The Church shall rise and vindicate her son;
She tells us all her bishops shepherds are,
And shepherds heal their rotten sheep with tar."

A certain John Wishaw, a solicitor, writing to a friend on May 25, 1744, gives a brief account of Berkeley and his tar-water:

"The Bishop of Cloyne, in Ireland, has published a book, of two shillings price upon the excellence of tar-water, which is to keep ye blood in due order, and a great remedy in many cases. His way of making it is to put, I think, a gallon of water to a quart of tar, and after stirring it together, to let it stand 48 hours, and then pour off the clear and drink a glass of about half a pint in ye morn, and as much at five in ye afternoon. So it's become common to call for a glass of tar-water in a coffee-house, as a dish of tea or coffee."

The Bishop practised what he preached, stuck to his tar-water, and wrote a sequel to his previous work, called "Further Thoughts on Tar-water," being his last production for the Press.

Berkeley suffered from what he described as nervous colic and could obtain relief only from his own specific.

Apart from this obsession of Berkeley's, he was a remarkable man. He was a great philosopher and mathematician, though often unorthodox.

At Trinity College, Dublin, where he was educated, opinion was divided as to whether he was a fool or a prodigy. His subsequent career proves that he was no fool, for before he was 25 he won a fellowship.

Within three years he published his "Theory of Vision," in which he discussed the prevailing ideas of sight and touch.

He argued that a man born blind could be made to see, would be unable to recognise any object by sight which he had previously known by touch. Such person, too, would have no sense of the relative distance of objects.

This argument was proved in a strange way, 18 years afterwards, when a young man, blind from birth, was suddenly restored to sight. He declared that he could not distinguish a dog from a cat by sight, and was so confused between his newly-acquired faculty and his touch that he wanted to know which of the two senses were lying.

Next year Berkeley published his "Principles of Human Knowledge," in which he tried to prove that the common notion of the existence of matter was wrong, and that common articles of everyday use existed only as ideas in the mind.

He further developed this theory in "Three Dialogues Between Hyllas and Philonous," which, if it did not convince eighteenth century scientists, gave him a reputation as a writer and the friendship of Dean Swift.

Meanwhile, from 1707, he had been engaged as a college tutor. In 1712 he paid a short visit to England, and in April 1713 Swift presented him at Court.

He soon made himself popular in London and became chaplain to Lord Peterborough, whom he accompanied to the Continent, returning in August 1714.

From 1715 to 1720 he travelled again as tutor to the son of Dr. St. George Ashe, an Irish Bishop.

In 1721 the country was disturbed by the South Sea Bubble scandal, and Berkeley published an "Essay towards preventing the Ruin of Great Britain." In the same year he became chaplain to the Duke of Grafton in Ireland, and was in demand as a lecturer on divinity.

MONDAY, MARCH 13.
St. Gregory the Great.

Born: Bishop George Berkeley, philosopher, 1684.

Died: Caesar Borgia, killed, 1508; Ludovick Muggleton, founder of the Muggletonians, 1697.

His first preferment in the Church was the deanery of Derry. He was no sooner settled in this post than he conceived an idea for converting the North American Indians. He proposed the building of a college in Bermuda as a missionary school. He offered to resign his deanery, worth £1100 a year, and go out there as the first president at a salary of £100 a year.

Parliament considered the plan and gave its approval, and Berkeley made preparations to take a number of kindred spirits.

For seven years, however, Sir Robert Walpole made various excuses for withholding the charter and grant of £20,000 promised by the Government.

Meanwhile Berkeley had set sail for Rhode Island, accompanied by his wife—the daughter of the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons.

The whole scheme was doomed to failure, owing mainly to the breach of faith of Sir Robert Walpole, who eventually applied the money to other purposes.

After spending all the funds he could raise from his deanery and from other sources, Berkeley was forced to abandon his project for converting the Indians.

Through Dean Swift Berkeley had made the acquaintance of the celebrated Vanessa, Mrs. Hester Van Homrigh, who, upon discovering that Swift was married, left Berkeley half her property. It appears that she had met him only once at dinner.

After his return from Rhode Island, where he had spent three years waiting for the Government grant, he published the most useful of his works, "The Minute Philosopher," written in the form of dialogue.

It was a critical survey of the various forms of free-thinking of the time. It was warmly appreciated by certain sections of the Church, and was shown to the Queen, with whom Berkeley became a great favourite.

Through her influence, he was appointed to the deanery of Down, and in 1736 promoted to the see of Cloyne.

In the same year his "Analyst," again on the subject of free-thinking, placed him in the centre of a hot controversy.

At this period Berkeley went into retirement, devoting himself to the discharge of his duties as Bishop, and in works of charity.

In 1745 he refused the see of Clogher, which would have doubled his income.

He kept up a correspondence with the prominent men of the day and wrote a number of pamphlets on various subjects. It was now that he wrote his treatises on the virtues of tar-water.

Despite the regular draughts of tar-water, Berkeley's health began to fail.

He was unable to carry on his work in Ireland, and he went to Oxford and requested permission of the King to resign his see with the view to obtaining a canonry in that city.

The King, however, refused to accept his resignation. "Berkeley shall die a bishop, in spite of himself," said George II., and he gave him permission to live wherever he pleased.

One of Berkeley's last acts was to make over £200 worth of rents from the see lands at Cloyne to poor housekeepers in his diocese.

Bishop Berkeley, who was born on March 13, 1684, at Killybeg, in the County of Kilkenny, Ireland, died at Oxford on Sunday, January 14, 1753.

It was while he was seated with his family listening to the reading of a sermon that he fell back and died so quietly that he was believed to be asleep. When his daughter later brought him a cup of tea he was still and cold.

He was buried in Christ Church, Oxford.

Berkeley is described as "a handsome man, with a countenance full of meaning and benignity. Remarkable for great strength of limbs; and, till his sedentary life impaired it, of a very robust constitution."

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BRITAIN PREPARES—II

NATIONAL SERVICE

by

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LINKED UP with Britain's anti-aircraft army are several voluntary organisations, which, while coming under the heading of Air Raid Precautions, are not actually military in the strict sense of the word.

For instance, there is the observer corps. Members of this, mostly on the coast, man observation posts, and give first warning of approaching enemy aircraft. A complicated code of telephone signals has already been arranged for flashing the warning to local headquarters. Recruits must be above the age of 30 and have good hearing and eyesight.

Then there is the balloon barrage. Hundreds of blimps dangling curtains of steel wire will encircle the principal cities. Their purpose is to force enemy planes to heights at which accurate bombing will be impossible.

In addition to London, the following cities are to have barrages: Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Derby, Hull, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton, Glasgow and Cardiff. It has been officially stated that barrages for most of these cities will be in operation next summer, and all of them by the end of the year.

100 PER CENT OPERATIVE

In London, it was added, the barrage was 80 per cent operative at the end of 1938, and will be 100 per cent by this month.

Service in the balloon barrage squadrons is also voluntary, and is open to men aged between 25 and 50 as drivers, winch-handlers, riggers and fabric workers.

Another auxiliary service is the training of employees in factories and plants in anti-aircraft defence. Airplane factories, automobile plants, steel mills, and the "shadow" factories now turning out machinery, but which in war-time can be turned over to munitions, will be defended by their own staffs.

These men, classed as indispensable, are being equipped with machineguns and light two-pound guns for defence against low-flying attacks. Their uniform will be their coveralls, and they will be required to be able to get into action within 20 minutes of downing tools.

LAST LINE OF DEFENCE

Britain's second and last line of defence in the next war will be her civil population.

An estimated total of 30,000,000 will be available for this vast "army of the rear," engaged only in passive defence. It will include some young men, unfit for fighting or indispensable practically all men past the fighting age up to about 70; and all able-bodied women.

Under the general heading of "National Service," over a score of organisations are open to these civilians, all of them designed to contend with the effects and results of air attack. They range from air-raid wardens to evacuation officers.

All service is completely voluntary at present, but as Sir John Anderson, unofficial Minister for Civil Defence, has explained, it can be made com-

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time in 900 years, will be in grave danger of armed invasion. In the past the navy kept her shores intact. The danger now is from the air. To meet this modern peril, Britain is organising her civil population. Every able-bodied man and woman will have a job to do. This series of articles tells the story of Britain's army of "passive defence," and of the hundred-and-one other ways in which Britain is preparing for war at home.

pulsory almost at a moment's notice in an emergency.

Decision to let everybody have a hand in defending his and her country was taken after the Czechoslovakian crisis. Before that, that is from January 1938, the Air Raid Precautions Act covered what little preparation for defence there was. This was a more or less lukewarm recruitment as air-raid wardens, weekly instruction in dealing with gas and bombs, and so forth.

PUBLIC DEMAND

After the crisis, however, the public began to demand bigger and better defence. They demanded a compulsory national register, and, in some cases, compulsory national service.

The government's answer was that a compulsory register was not desirable, although with the machinery of the next census in 1941, such a register is being prepared which could be made compulsory in about three weeks, instead of many months.

In its place they offered voluntary national service, and appointed Sir John Anderson to the sinecure post of Lord Privy Seal with the duties, but not the title, of Minister of Civil Defence.

Anderson, diplomat rather than politician, quickly got to work. On November 3, 1938, in his first speech in the House of Commons, he outlined his programme as follows:

1. An evacuation policy.
2. Public shelters.
3. Regional organisation to take over in war-time.
4. Relationship between the government and local authorities regarding A.R.P.
5. London's defence problems.
6. National voluntary service.
7. Changes in the A.R.P. organisation.

In the three months since then Anderson has announced plans for most of these seven points. One of his first steps was the appointment of a "brain trust" of six leading business-men to advise on defence problems, and receive representations regarding delays, defects, and difficulties.

Before Parliament rose for the Christmas vacation, he announced that in January national service would be introduced. He said it would be entirely voluntary, and for a trial period of three months only.

At the end of this month, Parliament is to review its progress and decide whether it is necessary to make it compulsory. As the scheme has only been in operation about three

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Spain

REVOLT IN MADRID CONTINUES

Serious Shortage Of Food Reported

Madrid, Mar. 11. After their headquarters had been bombed by artillery the Provincial and Central Committees of the Communist Party surrendered unconditionally to the Casado forces shortly after noon.

The Communists telephoned for several tanks to meet the attack, but these were not able to reach the headquarters.

At the end of an hour of fighting several Communists appeared at the door of the building, and finding themselves faced with Republican soldiers, threw their arms on the pavement. This does not signal the end of "the war within a war." Vigorous action is still being taken against the Communists entrenched in various other buildings.

The Republican troops have recaptured part of the Salamanca quarter and have reoccupied the Calle de Alcala which famous thoroughfare is scarred with trenches and dotted with blood stained machine-gun emplacements.

While snipers are still busy, the centre of the city is calmer as the battle is now localised in the eastern quarters where the Calle de Alcala enters the capital.

General Miaja's Junta, which has the support of the Press still controls the wireless station—one of the principal Communist objectives—and goes so far as to accuse the Communists of complicity with General Franco because the rising has weakened the Republican camp at a moment of greatest stress.

The Communists on the other hand make capital out of the affirmation that General Casado intends to surrender the territory still held by the Republicans to the Nationalists.

The need for food is urgent, for yesterday there was no bread. Moreover the Communists seized a conveyer bringing milk for children and old people. Yet the food rationing is still amazingly normal, considering the transport difficulties in the dangerous zones.

The respective forces are storing supplies under the very noses of their opponents who are not able to distinguish until too late, the destination of the food stores. Military control over the streets and even buildings may be divided.—*Reuter.*

Communist Claims

London, Mar. 11. A Communist radio message stated that fierce fighting occurred throughout the city after mid-day. "Miaja's forces penetrated our trenches but were repelled after hand-to-hand fighting. There are mountains of corpses in Madrid. The revolt has been triumphant in the provinces."—*United Press.*

Communists Undefeated

Burgos, Mar. 12. The Communists are reported to be advancing on the Salamanca district, best residential quarter in Madrid, where they occupied a sector underground. Fierce fighting is going on around the Union Radio building still held by the Junta's troops. It is also reported that General Miaja's forces have been driven out of their positions by the Communists in the cities of Murcia, Alicante and Cartagena.

Several actors and actresses, described as confidential advisers of Dr. Negrin, have been arrested in Barcelona. They are accused of transmitting over their fellow artists through the actors' syndicates.—*Reuter.*

OFFENSIVE AGAINST MADRID SAID TO HAVE STARTED

Madrid, Mar. 11. General Franco began his offensive against Madrid to-day and the Republican forces have been repelling the Nationalist bombardment this morning, but stopped after a few hours' exchange of shots, leaving both sides in the same positions as before.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Offensive Still Pending

Burgos, Mar. 11. It is officially denied that the offensive against Madrid has begun.—*United Press.*

Aerial Bombardments

Madrid, Mar. 11. According to a war communiqué to-day five Nationalist Savoia planes bombed Cartagena, but there were no casualties.

On the Andalusian front Republican anti-aircraft guns brought down one Fiat pursuit machine which had machine-gunned the Republican troops.—*United Press.*

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

hoyt-toyt astigmatism
hollyhock astrakhan
knobkerky polliot

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 3.

Guilty of Spying

Los Angeles, Mar. 11. Mikhail Gorin, manager of the local office of Intourist, the Soviet travel agency, and Haim Salich, a naturalized American citizen, were to-day convicted under the Espionage Act. Gorin's wife, Natasha, was acquitted. Salich was found guilty of transmitting to Gorin and Gorin to his superiors in Russia, data concerning Japanese espionage activities and sabotage plans.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai

PUPPETS PROTEST TO S.M.C.

Control Of Courts In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 12. The Pro-Japanese Shanghai Chinese Mayor, Fu Siu-on, has protested to the Municipal Council and Consular body against terrorism, demanding:

(1) Better Police control to check it.

(2) Return to the pro-Japanese Taino regime of the western district Police station which British troops recently closed;

(3) House-to-house searches in the International Settlement for terrorists and Communists;

(4) Handing over of the International Settlement Chinese courts.

(5) Surrender of the former Chinese Land Office files and documents;

(6) Prohibition of flying of Nationalist flags in the International Settlement.

It is believed that one of the objects of the protest is to obtain a formal reply from the Council which would be considered to be de facto recognition of the pro-Japanese regime. The Council up to the present has ignored the pro-Japanese regime's notes.

The Taino protest to the Municipal Council warned that the Taino Police will undertake the International Settlement policing unless the Municipal Police are able to cope with terrorism.

The protest said that "drastic steps" might be used unless the British troops permit the re-opening of the western district Police Station. The note said that effective from April 1 the Taino Government will recognise the civil and criminal judgments of the International Settlement Chinese Courts.

It added that "grave trouble" would result unless the Council prohibits the flying of the Nationalist flags in the International Settlement.—*United Press.*

Police In Shanghai

Tokyo, Mar. 11. Within a week of the announcement of the enrolment on March 4, over 2,000 young men including American-born Japanese, have applied for 30 vacancies in the Japanese police in the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The number of Japanese police in the Shanghai Municipal Council is 200, of whom 200 from the existing strength. Following the recent recrudescence of terrorism in the International Settlement, the Japanese authorities have decided to fill up the vacancies as soon as possible.—*Domei.*

SHANGHAI INCIDENT

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Municipal Police detectives arriving in the home of Zao San-chen, Director of the Japanese controlled Consolidated Tax Bureau in the American Defence Sector, to investigate on unverified information, unexpectedly discovered four Japanese military policemen in multi-guarding Zao. Thereupon they telephoned to the U. S. Marines, who sent two officers and 20 men in a motor-truck. They ordered the Japanese Military Police to leave the sector, which they did.

Eye-witnesses said that the Japanese complied with the U. S. Marine's order to leave without objection, wherefore there was no tension.

An unconfirmed report says that the Japanese were questioning Zao San-chen in connection with reported animosity and jealousy among pro-Japanese Chinese officials, wherein the rival factions are alleged to have made efforts to embarrass each other.—*United Press.*

American Protest

Shanghai, Mar. 12. The U. S. Marines last week protested to the Municipal Council against its agreement with the Japanese whereby the Municipal Council will permit the Japanese military authorities to search suspected terrorist-hide-outs in the Settlement in the presence of the Municipal Police.

The protest referred to the United States Defence Sector only.—*United Press.*

Grand Total Of Japan's Budget Is Yen 10,410,000,000

Tokyo, Mar. 12. The grand total of Japan's budgets, inclusive of the general and extraordinary military budgets, for the 1939-40 fiscal year, amounts to yen 10,410,000,000.

Included in the grand total are yen 3,094,000,000 for the general budget, yen 4,005,000,000 for the extraordinary military budget in connection with the China Incident, yen 100,000,000 for the supplementary budget for the Army and the Navy, yen 200,000,000 for the supplementary budget for civil service Ministries, and yen 700,000,000 as the fund for contracting liabilities outside the purview of the Budget.

The yen 200,000,000 supplementary budget for civil service Ministries which was finally determined by the Ministry of Finance on Saturday, will shortly be submitted to the Diet. This sum includes yen 7,000,000 for payment for Government's holdings of the shares of the projected Japan Aviation Corporation.—*Domei.*

The Crisis In Slovakia

Believed Affair Will Be Peacefully Settled By Prague

Disturbances in many centres in Slovakia occurred during the week-end between the authorities and the Hlinka Guards following the recent dismissal of the Tiso Cabinet by the Central Government in Prague. Appeals have been made to Berlin for intervention, but order has been restored without outside assistance, and a new Cabinet has been formed by appointments from Prague. M. Carol Sidor, former vice-Premier of the Central Government, has replaced Dr. Tiso.

Germany is taking the closest interest in the situation, but no diplomatic moves have yet been announced. Prague's action is regarded as an infringement of Slovakia's autonomous rights. A conference was held in Berlin between Hitler and other high officials, but no step is to be taken, pending further developments.

Britain finds the undercurrents of the rebellion puzzling to European statesmen, as most experts are reluctant to believe that the *putsch* is a purely spontaneous movement happening in a place where spontaneous movements are no longer the fashion.

As France has no further obligations in Czechoslovakia she is able to watch the situation with calm. It is reported by *Reuter* that the crisis in the Slovak capital is not worrying Europe's diplomats who do not consider it a serious threat to European Peace.

Riot at Prison

Bratislava, Mar. 11. Six Hlinka Guards were seriously wounded when Czech military guards fired at them when they tried to liberate the former propaganda chief of the Slovak People's Party, Dr. Mach, from prison.

Another report says that Professor Tuka, foremost champion of the Slovakian independence movement, has been transferred from Bratislava prison to a jail in Moravian-Ostrau.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Headquarters Occupied

Bratislava, Mar. 11. The headquarters of the German party at Kaesmark were occupied by Czech soldiers and German party functionaries were arrested by the Czech military to-day.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Bratislava Orderly

Prague, Mar. 11. The toll in yesterday's disturbances in Slovakia were three dead—two Hlinka guards and a German woman. To-day Bratislava is orderly.

Carloads of prisoners, mostly officers of the Hlinka Guards, are to be seen passing through the streets.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Warning to Population

Bratislava, Mar. 11. Czech artillery from the hillside above Bratislava to-day fired five blank shots, apparently to emphasise to the population that it is still under military rule. Later armoured cars and it is reported tanks patrolled the streets of Bratislava, firing blank shots.—*United Press.*

New Demonstrations

Pressburg, Mar. 11. New mass demonstrations were held in Pressburg this afternoon. Crowds marched in the streets singing national Slovak songs. Large detachments of Hlinka Guards are seen everywhere. Most of the population is wearing nationalist Slovak badges.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Troops Withdrawn

Budapest, Mar. 11. It is learned here that throughout the night consultations have been going on between Slovak leaders and Prague, in which Dr. Tiso is stated to have participated.

Most of the Czech troops and gendarmes have been withdrawn from the streets of Bratislava and order is being maintained by the police and a few Hlinka Guards.

All roads leading to the city are guarded by Czech troops and gendarmes and during the night parties of Hlinka Guards from the provinces were turned back.

M. Sidor, the Czech Deputy Prime Minister, appealed to the Hlinka Guards to avoid incidents.

The opinion is expressed that the two most serious dangers appear to have been averted, namely, armed resistance by the Slovaks and intervention from outside.—*Reuter.*

WITHDRAWAL DEMAND

Prague, Mar. 11. According to reports received here this afternoon Pressburg Hlinka Guards presented an ultimatum to the Czechs occupying the Slovak capital demanding the withdrawal of Czech troops by to-night. The situation at Pressburg as well as in other Slovak cities is believed to be reaching a climax. Numerous serious clashes between Slovaks and Czech troops are reported from provincial towns where so far sixteen persons have been reported killed.

Latest despatches received here from Pressburg state that armed Hlinka Guards succeeded in ousting the Czech troops from the main Post Office.—*Domei.*

Office building this afternoon and that Hlinka Guards are now trying to calm the excited population which threatens to rise in open revolt against the Czech police and troops occupying the Slovak capital.

The excitement in Pressburg is constantly rising with entire population crowding the streets and thoroughfares, practically blocking all traffic. The people are shouting: "We want the Czechs to leave Slovak territory."—*Trans-Ocean.*

Appeal to Country

Pressburg, Mar. 11. The leadership of the Hlinka Guard issued an order that the whole country should be in state of preparedness this afternoon and that any arrest of Hlinka Guards anywhere at all was to be reported immediately. Likewise reports were to be furnished forthwith about offices and positions of authority still administered by Czech soldiery.

The military dictatorship set up in Neuschl has been dropped. Concerning the events of the last two days it became known this afternoon that in Sillein the Hlinka Guard had assembled in full force. Czech soldiery then arrested the whole body. Throughout Slovakia numerous deputies of the Slovak Diet were arrested.

A somewhat serious incident occurred this morning in front of the main post office in Pressburg which had been occupied by 30 Czech gendarmes. Thousands of people gathered outside the building, demanding the removal of the Czech gendarmes and trying to break into the building to disarm the Czechs. The situation for the Czechs seemed so threatening that they fired a few shots to scare the crowd. Officers of the Hlinka Guard then intervened, pacified the crowd, occupied the building and removed Czech gendarmes by the back door.—*Trans-Ocean.*

NEW CABINET

Prague, Mar. 11. The German minority in Slovakia was alleged in some quarters in Prague to be showing a tendency to encourage the Slovak extremists.

At first, however, did not appear to be giving any encouragement to the radical elements, as the recent visit to Berlin of two Slovak Ministers who have now been dismissed, was reported to have been a failure.

Dr. Tiso, and other Slovak Ministers, confined to their houses under police supervision, and the arrest of other extremist leaders is confirmed.—*Reuter.*

Tiso in Convent

Bratislava, Mar. 11. Dr. Tiso is in the Jesuit convent, and although not actually under arrest, is closely guarded. It is stated that no proceedings will be taken against Dr. Tiso.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Attack On Prague

Vienna, Mar. 11. Dr. Durensky to-day renewed his radio attack against the Prague Government. He declared that Prague's action in dismissing the Tiso Cabinet was illegal because the Cabinet could only be dismissed if the Slovak Diet were to adopt a motion of no confidence. The Tiso Cabinet, therefore, was entitled to carry on.

Dr. Durensky sharply criticised the house detention of the Hlinka Guard leader, General Tuka, and the Chief of the Slovak propaganda service, M. Mach.—*Reuter.*

Slovak Declines

Prague, Mar. 11. M. Sivad yesterday informed the Central Government in Prague that he does not wish to be Prime Minister. He is now in Rome for the coronation of the Pope.

M. Sokol, President of the Diet, arrived by air and expressed confidence that the crisis will soon be settled, perhaps by to-night. Later M. Sokol saw President Emil Hacha. Official quarters deny that Germany made demands. It is thought that the crisis may lead to some reconstruction of the Prague Government.—*Reuter.*

New Government

Prague, Mar. 11. President Emil Hacha has appointed a new Slovak Cabinet with M. Carol Sidor as Prime Minister. M. Sidor, a Slovak, was hitherto Vice-Premier of the Central Government.

The Minister of the Interior is Dr. Martin Sokol, hitherto President of the Ministry of the Interior.—*Domei.*

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Italian Exiles Undergo Terrible Hardship

Monte Carlo, Mar. 11. Thousands of Jews forcibly expelled from Italy are wandering waist deep in snow on the Alpine passes above Nice and Mentone. Two hundred arrived in Monte Carlo last night in a state of exhaustion, while thousands are reported to be in sight of France, some nearly dead with hunger.

The French authorities accepted those who were obviously sick and exhausted, the others being sent back.—*United Press.*

POPE PIUS XII IS CROWNED

Ceremony Watched By Big Crowd

Vatican City, Mar. 12. Pope Pius XII was crowned on the balcony of St. Peter's a few minutes after noon.

The ceremony was preceded by the Pope's solemn entry to St. Peter's for Pontifical High Mass. Tremendous cheering greeted His Holiness, who was clothed in gleaming white vestments with a white mitre studded with precious stones, and borne on the sedia gestatoria from the Gregorian Chapel to the High Altar. With his hand continually upraised in blessing, the Pope smiled at the crowd as he passed up the church.

Following ancient tradition three hosts were prepared instead of the usual one. Silver trumpets sounded as the Pontiff performed the act of consecration. Cheers were renewed at the conclusion of the Mass as the Pope was borne down the nave, but popular acclamation reached the zenith as a fanfare of trumpets heralded the Pope's appearance on the balcony.

Two short prayers were recited, after which the Sacred Cardinal and Deacon placed the crown on the Pontiff's head with the words, "Receive this tiara adorned with three crowns and know Thou art the Father of Princes and Kings, Pastor of the world and Vicar on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom are owed honour and glory throughout all the ages."

After another outburst of cheering the Pope gave the Papal absolution and Apostolic benediction and then left the balcony.

The actual crowning ceremony lasted only seven minutes.—*Reuter.*

CHINA'S DELEGATE

Chongking, Mar. 11. Dr. Wellington Koo, China's Ambassador to France, has been delegated as China's special envoy to the Coronation of Pope Pius XII.—*Central News.*

FIRST LENT SERMON

Rome, Mar. 11. The Pope attended to-day the first Lent sermon. Later His Holiness received in private audience Cardinals Donati Sbarretti, Dennis Dougherty and Isidore Thomas, Archbishops of Toledo, also the French, Argentine, Swiss, Bolivian and Liberian delegations awaiting the Pope's coronation.

The Masses were celebrated at the Vatican Grottoes, near the tomb of the late Pope Pius XI, observing the thirty days since his death.—*United Press.*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Vatican City, Mar. 11. The Pope has appointed Cardinal Luigi Maglione as Secretary of State. Cardinal Maglione, who is one of the most distinguished diplomats of the Vatican, was born at Casoria in 1877. He was appointed Nuncio in Paris in 1928 and was created Cardinal in 1935.—*Trans-Ocean.*

TWENTIETH CONCILIUM

Vatican City, Mar. 11. The Concilium planned by Pope Pius XII which will be the twentieth held by the Church, will exceed all previous in magnificence and importance.

Among the tasks of the new Concilium will be the proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and the Canonization of Christopher Columbus.

The Catholic Church has hitherto recognised the Assumption of the Virgin Mary as tradition but not as dogma.

The canonization of Christopher Columbus cannot be carried out in the usual way, since Columbus lived too long ago and his miracles cannot be attested. But the Concilium can canonize him as first Apostle of the Christian Faith in the New World.

The Concilium will not take place before 1940, since many preparations are necessary.—*Trans-Ocean.*



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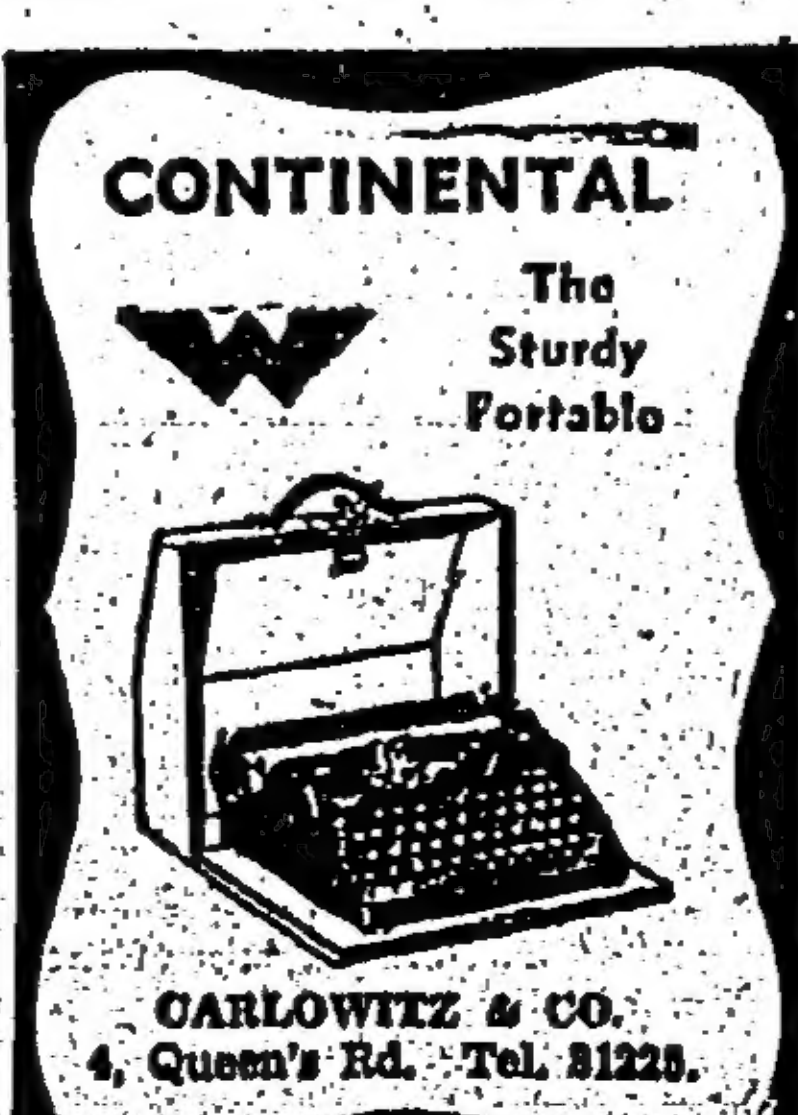
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POLICE DESERVE TO WIN RUGGER TOURNAMENT

But P. And O. Out Of Luck In The Final Encounter

(By "Fly-Half")

Before a large gathering which included their Excellencies the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote and the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett, Police "A" won the local Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament and the right to have their name inscribed on the Blarney Stone Shield at Happy Valley on Saturday.

The Police are also credited with being the first team comprising some non-Club members to have ever won the Tournament. Last year before rugby had become an organized sport, in the Force, a few enthusiastic Police rugby players got together and entered a seven. They were narrowly beaten by Club "A", who went on to win the Tournament; so the Police are to be congratulated on their success in this, their second effort.

Despite dismal weather the games on Saturday were of a high standard and were all keenly contested. In all but one game victory depended on that one try which makes all the difference. The ball soon became greasy, which made handling extremely difficult whilst the simplest of kicks at goal were missed. Three of the 10 tries scored were converted; two by the Police player and one by Grieve of the P. and O. Building team. With conditions as they were, play was considerably slowed down, whilst sliding past a stationary ball was a frequent occurrence.

TEAM WORK

The Police seven owe their success to all-round team work, with their covering and backing up a feature. They were down in defence and have to thank Taylor, their 10-stone full back for their extra try which got them to the final.

The three forwards, Oakley, Searle and Henth, laid the foundation to the Police victory by their wholehearted displays. Luscumb, the scrum-half, had a difficult task with a ball which skidded out of the scrum one moment and stuck in the mud the next. Fay did some good work with his feet in attack and kept a firm grip on his opposing number in defence. Wilson played as he has seldom done before in Hongkong. His defence was magnificent and he always had an eye for an opening. Taylor was their outstanding player and was instrumental in getting most of their tries. He is tall, heavy with a long stride and has a wicked hand-off, which more than one player found to his cost. Bidwell was about the only player who coped with him effectively by taking him low, good and hard.

P. AND O. UNLUCKY

The other finalists, the P. and O. Building, were unfortunate to lose Brown in the first five minutes of the game. Their forwards stood up to their task well, with the evergreen Peers and Austin to the fore. Welch played a stout game at scrum-half and Grieve played well without brilliant display. Brown played a stout game throughout although he found his lack of speed a bit of a handicap at times.

Bidwell was the mainstay of the team, while he and Taylor were the outstanding players in the Tournament. The Club player used his speed to advantage and in defence he saved his side time and again with crashing tackles.

THE FINAL

With Police and the P. and O. Building in the final, the odds were

in favour of the latter winning because of their formidable pair of backs, Grieve and Bidwell. Police chances of victory were, however, by no means ruled out in view of the conditions which suited the heavier Police side.

Police went all out right from the kick-off and soon had the Building's line in danger when Taylor went through and looked good for a try, but Bidwell chased after him and overtook him five yards from the line to bundle him into touch. A truly magnificent recovery. Fay next joined the Police team's hopes by a long dribble which again was thwarted by Welch racing back and kicking the ball over the dead-ball line. But Police were not to be outdone and from a line-out Health broke away to score an unconverted try. Half-time came with Police holding a three-point lead.

Police began the second half where they had left off. Taylor, who was playing his best game in the series, dashed away for the line, but once again Bidwell brought him down with a crash tackle just on the line. Heightened by this repulse the Building went into attack and after Grieve had paved the way he passed to Bidwell who dashed past Luscumb to score a try and level the scores. Grieve failed to convert.

Just on time Wilson ran off in grand style to outstrip the field except Grieve who caught up with him and brought him down; the ball went loose and Taylor, backing up, dribbled over unhindered for the try which won them the Tournament. Fay made certain by converting from an easy position in front of the goal.

Police were worthy winners and it is a pity that their victory loses some of its glory through an early injury to Brown. In a collision with Taylor, the Building's player broke his wrist and had to leave the field after only 'two minutes' play. This final will be remembered for the brilliance of Taylor in attack and of Bidwell in defence.

At the conclusion of play, His Excellency the Governor presented the Blarney Stone Shield to G. S. Wilson, captain of the Police team.

THE TEAMS

The following players took part on Saturday:

P. and O. and Another—J. T. Brown; H. D. Bidwell and W. E. Grieve; P. Welch; C. Austin, W. E. Peers and G. M. Marrs.

Hongkong Bank.—M. G. Carruthers; D. C. Day and A. H. R. Butcher; E. L. Taverner; E. A. Bonpas; J. S. Dunnett and K. A. Watson.

Small Ships "A"—Tel. Poling-horne; Pay. Lt. Bucknall and Sub. Lt. Ashton; Lt.-Col. Clarke; Lt. Anderson; Lt. (E) Brown and A. B. Bowerman.

5th A.A. "A"—Sgt. Page; Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Easterbrook; Gnr.

FINISH OF A SPLENDID RACE



An exciting finish in one of the girls' races at the Central British School's annual athletic meeting held on Saturday afternoon. The weather was dismal, but nevertheless the boys and girls all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

ST. JOSEPH'S DEFEATED BY EASTERN IN A DULL LEAGUE TIE

(By "Abe")

In a game which was as dull as the weather, Eastern defeated St. Joseph's easily on the Club ground yesterday in the First Division of the Football League, winning by five goals to nil after leading by two goals at half time.

Actually the final score rather exaggerated the superiority of the Eastern eleven, though there is no doubt whatever that they deserved to take full points. But for long periods on end, the Saints had as much of the ball as the winners, and only the ineffective play of the forwards plus resolute defence by Eastern prevented them from scoring.

The ground was so slippery that the players found it difficult to keep on their feet, let alone exhibit good ball control. Nevertheless the Eastern defenders were always on top of their opponents, and repelled all their attacks with ease.

Both sides were unable to field their full teams, but the Eastern reserves fitted in better than the Saints' reserves. In the absence of a regular goal-keeper, A. J. Hussain had to keep goal, and though this was his first experience between the sticks in a League match he acquitted himself well. But for him, the Eastern score might have been more; towards the end when the Eastern eleven overran the Saints' defence, it was he who stopped several apparently certain goals.

EASTERN TAKE LEAD

Lee Tack-kee scored both Eastern's goals in the first period. The Saints also had their opportunities but were unable to make use of them.

In the second half, the Saints made several positional changes to no effect. If anything the defence weakened and the Eastern forwards found their task made easier by the hand positioning of Marcel and Bowen, the full backs. Ward, Elms and Souza worked very hard in the forward line but their inability to control the ball and the steady play of the Eastern halves and backs rendered their efforts hopeless.

For fully 15 minutes after the resumption, however, the Saints held their own. Then Soong Ling-sing shot at goal, and Hussain, thinking the ball was going past above the bar, had the mortification of seeing it hit him on the rebound and roll past the goal-line. Shortly after this, Woo Chi-sang added the fourth and two minutes before the final whistle, Chan Bing-to scored the fifth.

Teams: Eastern—Lau Hin-hon; B. Y. Zee; Tsang Chung-wan; Lai Shi-tai; Hsu King-shing; Lo Wai-kuen; Chan

England Team To Play China

The following players have been selected to represent England in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity match against China to be played on Sunday:

Hartley (K.F.C.); Corbin (R.A.); Parker (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Capt. Wilkinson (Middlesex); Emberson (R.A.O.C.); Moss (Police); Chester (R.A.); E. Strange (Club) and Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves:—Rides (R.A.O.C.); Honeywell (Navy); Hammond and Jennings.

Negro Student Beats Glenn Cunningham

New York, Mar. 12.

John Borican, a negro student of Columbia University, beat Glenn Cunningham in the 1,000 yards indoors race to-day, and in doing so established a new world's record of 2 mins. 8.8 secs.

This was Borican's second win over Cunningham.—Reuter.

Harding; Gnr. Whitehead, L/Bdr. Evans and Gnr. Clark.

R.A.O.C.—Cpl. Emberson; Bdr. Coughan and L/Sgt. Lang; Pte. Leach; Lt. Belton, L/Cpl. Boustead and Lt. Macpherson.

Fortress R.E.—Spr. Moxham; Spr. Jones and L/Cpl. Hughes; L/Cpl. Waite; Spr. Apperley; Spr. Pyke and Cpl. Brinkley.

Police "A"—D. H. Taylor; G. S. Wilson and B. C. Fay; E. C. Luscumb; H. W. E. Health; L. A. Searle and L. Oakley.

Middlesex "A"—P.S.M. Ramsey; Pte. Ferguson and Lt. Man; Cpl. Freshwater; L/Cpl. Gillman, Lt. Hewitt and Pte. Courtney.

DANE WINS BADMINTON TITLE

English Championship Finals Played

London, Mar. 11.

The English Badminton Championship finals, which have just concluded, resulted as follows:

Men's Singles.—T. Madsen (Denmark) beat R. Nichols (holder).

Women's Singles.—Mrs. Walton (Canada) beat Miss Doreen.

Men's Doubles.—T. Boyle and J. Rankin beat L. Nichols and R. Nichols (holders).

Women's Doubles.—Mrs. Dalsgaard and Miss Olsen (Denmark) beat Mrs. Barrett and Miss Doreen (England).

Mixed Doubles.—R. Nichols and Miss Staples beat J. Rankin and Mrs. McNorton.—Reuter.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT CONTINUES

Two Good Doubles Ties To-Day

Weather permitting, the annual tennis championships of the Colony will be continued at the Hongkong Cricket Club this afternoon.

Four ties in the singles and two in the doubles are down for decision to-day. There does not seem to be anything of real interest in the singles, but the two doubles matches should provide some good tennis. In one, the Tsui brothers, holders of the title, will be opposed by Omar Rumsdahn and S. A. Hussain, who so surprisingly defeated J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios in the first round last week. Though the Tsuis should win, their opponents can be relied upon to put up some measure of resistance to make the match worth while watching.

In the other doubles-match, A. V. Goncalves and J. J. Remedios, of the Club de Recreio, will play W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher, one of the best combinations in the tournament. Some fast play ought to be seen here. The programme to-day is as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Peter U. v. L. J. S. Theobald
Leong Ping-chiu v. Lee Wai-ling
A. Crawford v. Fang O-lam
S. A. Rumsdahn v. N. L. Evans

OPEN DOUBLES

A. V. Goncalves and W. C. Hung and J. J. Remedios v. E. C. Fincher and Paul Wai-pul v. O. Rumsdahn and Tsui Yau-pui

Bing-to, Soong Ling-sing, Lee Tack-kee, Woo Chi-sang and Yu Hop-hing. St. Joseph's—Hussain; Marcel; Bowen; Souza, Leonard; Pereira; Rocha, Castilho, Ward, Elms and Sprinkle.

Tommy Farr To Return To United States

London, Feb. 16.

Tommy Farr, former British and Empire heavyweight champion, returned to England yesterday, ready at any moment to make a dash to America for a fight with Tony Galento, the New Jersey bartender, who is ranked second to world champion Joe Louis by American authorities.

Joe Gould, the Welshman's manager, is still trying to fix the fight, and if he succeeds will promptly notify his charge.

Until that message arrives, Farr's future is uncertain. Circumstances permitting, he would like to have another contest in this country, and suggests Len Harvey as an opponent for a bout during the open-air season.

Farr declared that he had returned home to settle some urgent family matters.

If he can manage to fix up a contest here, the ex-champion is still a big draw, but there are many things to be considered before a promoter would be able to bill him.

It must be remembered that he is still under suspension by the Board of Control, because of non-payment of a £750 fine inflicted by the Board in favour of Sydney Halls some time ago.

This ban will have to be lifted before he could appear in this country, and it rests with the stewards of the controlling body whether Farr is to be allowed to fight in an English ring.

According to the Welshman, Joe Gould has the final word in any matter relating to a contest, so that it would seem that his sanction would have to be obtained before the former British champion could sign contracts.

LEAGUE SOFTBALL MATCHES

Recreio Narrowly Defeat Midgets In Play Off

In the second play-off in the triple tie for the men's Softball League championship, the Club de Recreio beat the Midgets by the narrow margin of two runs at King's Park yesterday.

Last week, the Midgets beat the Chinese Baseball Club, the other team in the tie, by 12-8, and next week the Club de Recreio will meet the Chinese B.C. in the final play-off. A win for the latter in this game will again deadlock the positions.

The scores yesterday were:
Men's League
Recreio 2 Midgets 0
Inter-Hong League
Socony 11 Shell Oilers 2
Green Spots 5 Union Ins. 3

TO TOUR SAIGON

Provided permission is forthcoming from the Hongkong Football Association, the Eastern Football Club will be sending a team to Haiphong and Hanoi for a series of matches at the end of this month.

It is understood that at the invitation of the French Indo-China soccer authorities, Eastern, who are third in the local League Table at the present moment, will play three matches in Hanoi and two in Haiphong.

If the H.K.F.A. gives the necessary permission for the tour, the Eastern team will leave the Colony on March 28, and will be away for approximately three weeks.

Strong though the Eastern players are without outside help, they intend to invite a couple of other players to join them for the tour.

It is also possible that Eastern will make a trip to Mucno in the near future to play the Portuguese colony.

Cambridge Beat Oxford At Hockey

London, Feb. 22.

I cannot remember a year when forecasts of the University hockey match were so unanimous, and what is more, that most difficult of all forecasts—a draw, says an English writer.

When Cambridge opened the score three minutes from the start and scored again 10 minutes later it looked as if the prophets were to be confounded but Oxford rallied and scored from a short corner. Just before the interval the Dark Blues' right wing went away from what appeared to be an offside position and equalised.

Cambridge rather luckily went ahead early in the second half and, although Oxford pressed strongly, they managed to hold on to their slender lead. For this they owed much to the inspired goalkeeping of C. L. Hawson.

THE GOLF MATCH

A few weeks ago it was generally agreed that the University golf contest, to be played at Sandwich next month, would be merely a matter of by how many matches Cambridge would win.

The Dark Blues, however, are showing more encouraging form at the right time and gained their second success since the season opened by defeating Royal Mid-Surrey by 9 matches to 8, with one halved.

In a two-day match the Royal St. George's Club defeated Cambridge by 14 matches to 10. Cambridge will remain favourites but it looks as if it will be a real match after all.

Draughts Player Sues The Referee

World draughts champion, Mr. Robert Stewart, in Aldridge Sheriff Court, recently sued the referee chosen for a little match that was never played.

Mr. Stewart, who lives at Blairadam, Fife, claimed £25 from Mr. Adam Smith, of Conbridge, the referee. He said he accepted a challenge by Mr. Samuel Levy, of Manchester, for the world title.

The match arranged at Dumfries was postponed because of Mr. Stewart's illness and the action arose because of Mr. Smith's alleged payment to Mr. Levy of £25 which, Mr. Stewart declared, was handed over as a forfeit and should not have been paid without his consent.

Sheriff Gillies allowed proof in the action, limited to the question whether the match was abandoned by Stewart or mutually abandoned.

The sheriff added that the case was complicated because Mr. Levy, his manager, and ex-Ballie Foley, of Dumfries, who was at the scene of the proposed match, were dead.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

London, Mar. 11.

In the English National Cross-country Championship, which was run to-day at Wexley, Lancashire, Jack Holden, of Tipton, retained his title, running the ten miles in 63 minutes 32 seconds. A. Tyrer, of Sutton Harriers, was second in 63 mins. 42 secs., and A. Reeve, of Slough, was third in 63 mins. 55 secs.

The team championship was won by the Belgrave Harriers with 174 points. Birchfield were second with 194, and Micham, holders, were third with 203.—Reuter.



Above are players of H.C. Company (left), 5th Bn. Buffs (middle), 5th Bn. Buffs (right), who won the recent Army Small (left), 5th Bn. Buffs (middle), 5th Bn. Buffs (right) during the season 1938-39. The captain of the team, Lt. P. Smith, is seated in the centre of the middle row.—Photo by Snap Studio.

NANCY



Seven More Ladies Chosen For Interport

THIRD TRIAL HELD AT KING'S PARK YESTERDAY

(By "The Pilgrim")

The Third Ladies' Interport hockey trial took place at King's Park yesterday morning when the Probable Interport XI defeated the Club de Recreio Ladies by three goals to nil.

Four quarters of 15 minutes' play each were played, with changes made after every quarter. After the heavy rain during the previous evening, the ground was slippery, making it very difficult for good ball control. Nevertheless play was interesting throughout.

Out of ten forwards on view, seven were definitely chosen after the game. They are as follows: Mrs. Burnett (right wing), Miss B. Harker (inside right), Mrs. Read (centre forward), Mrs. Dalziel (inside left), Miss M. Westcott (left wing), Miss M. Booker (inside right) and Miss J. Greig (centre forward). Though no goals were scored in the first quarter, play was the best and most interesting. The forward line of Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Westcott played well and did most of the attacking. The Harker-Burnett combination made an ideal right flank partnership and so did Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Westcott on the left. Mrs. Read was not too brilliant a leader but she was always a trier.

Mrs. Ackroyd was seen in place of Mrs. Dalziel at inside left and Miss J. Greig relieved Mrs. Burnett on the right wing. These were the only changes made in the attack in the second quarter. The Interporters scoring through Mrs. Read off a nice opening made by Miss Harker. Mrs. Ackroyd, however, failed to combine effectively with Miss Westcott. Her fault was that she did not realise she was an inside left and not an inside right; but she had been asked to undertake a job for which she had had little previous practice or



Mrs. Burnett chosen after yesterday's trial.

experience. Miss Greig on the wing displayed great speed, if nothing else.

THIRD QUARTER

Further changes were made in the attack and defence in the third quarter. Mrs. Wilnot was seen at left back in place of Miss A. Fowler; Miss Greaves in the place of Miss H. Reid at left half; Miss J. Ewing in place of Miss Greig on the right wing; and Miss Greig went to centre-forward in place of Mrs. Read. There was no score; the forwards did not impress and one saw very little combined play.

Miss Buchanan was introduced at inside left and Miss M. Booker at inside right in the fourth quarter. Goals were scored by Miss Greig after Miss Burros had made a partial clearance and Miss Westcott added the third. Miss Ewing and Miss Booker were seen in some nice breakaways, the former on many occasions putting in some nice centres. Miss Westcott played a lone game on the left wing, receiving very poor support from Miss Buchanan. Full credit, however, goes to the Recreio ladies for the splendid fight they put up against a strong and vigorous Interport defence. Miss O. Botelho and Mrs. Silva were hard-working defenders who repeatedly held up the Colony forwards. Miss P. Gonsalves, the pivot, also did splendid work. Miss G. Silva led her attack well but was too closely checked by Miss I. Woolley to be of any real danger. It is rather unfortunate this capable leader is unable to make the trip; otherwise I am sure she would have obtained her Interport colours.

SOUND DEFENCE

The Colony defence performed splendidly. They were resolute in their methods of attack and continually held up the Recreio attack.



Miss M. Booker she impressed the selectors.

Cash Sweep Results At Fanling

CASH SWEEPS

Race 1		
No. 19		\$466.02
No. 42		133.22
No. 100		60.50
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000		

WOMEN'S GOLF

Spring Meeting To Be Held At Fanling

The Spring Meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held at Fanling on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, March 20, 21, and 22. The following competitions will take place.

Monday, March 20
Tombstone Competition, New Course. Hidden prize. Prize kindly presented by Mrs. R. M. Henderson. Cards to be returned by 5.15 p.m.
Driving 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 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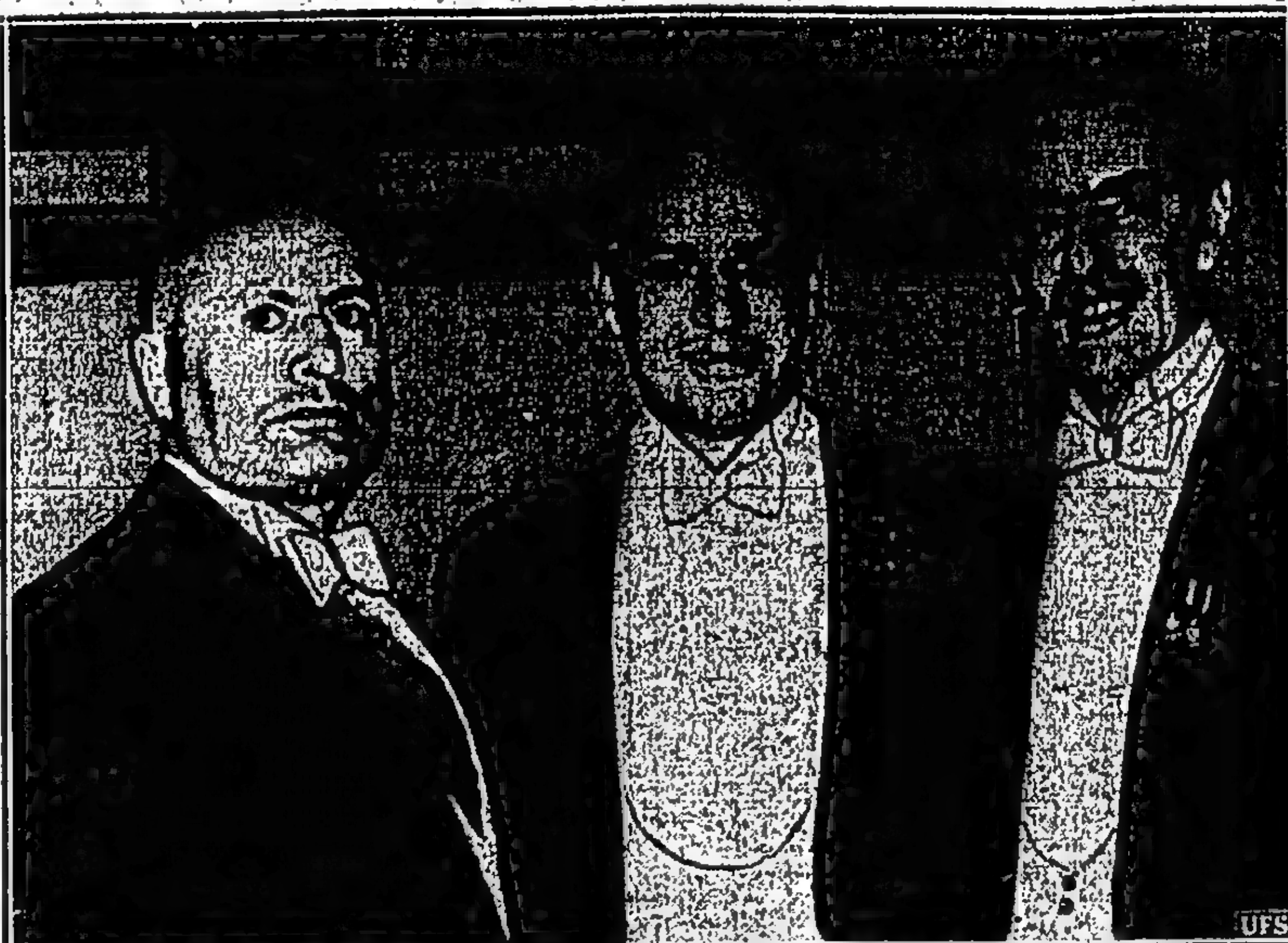
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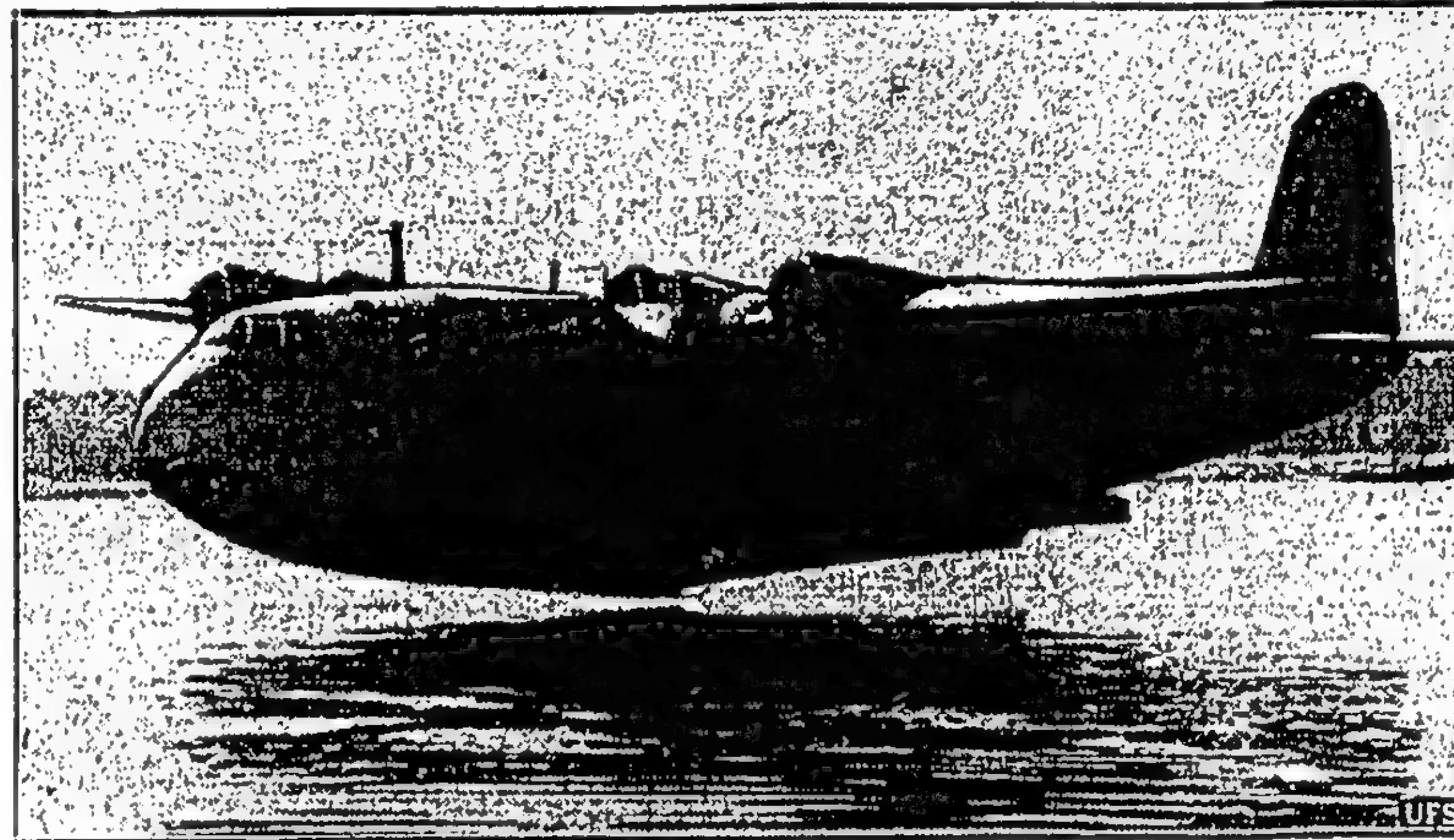
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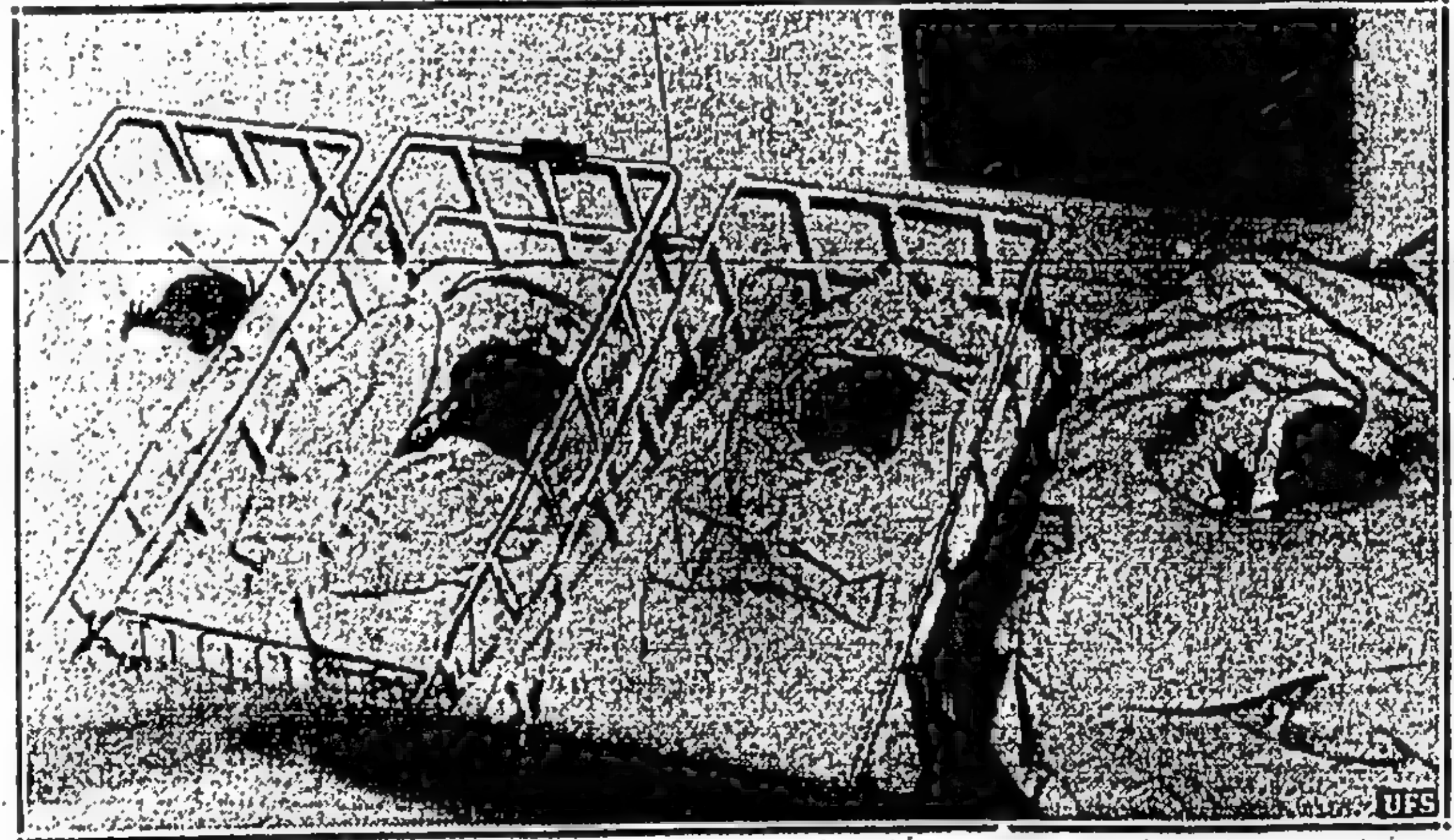
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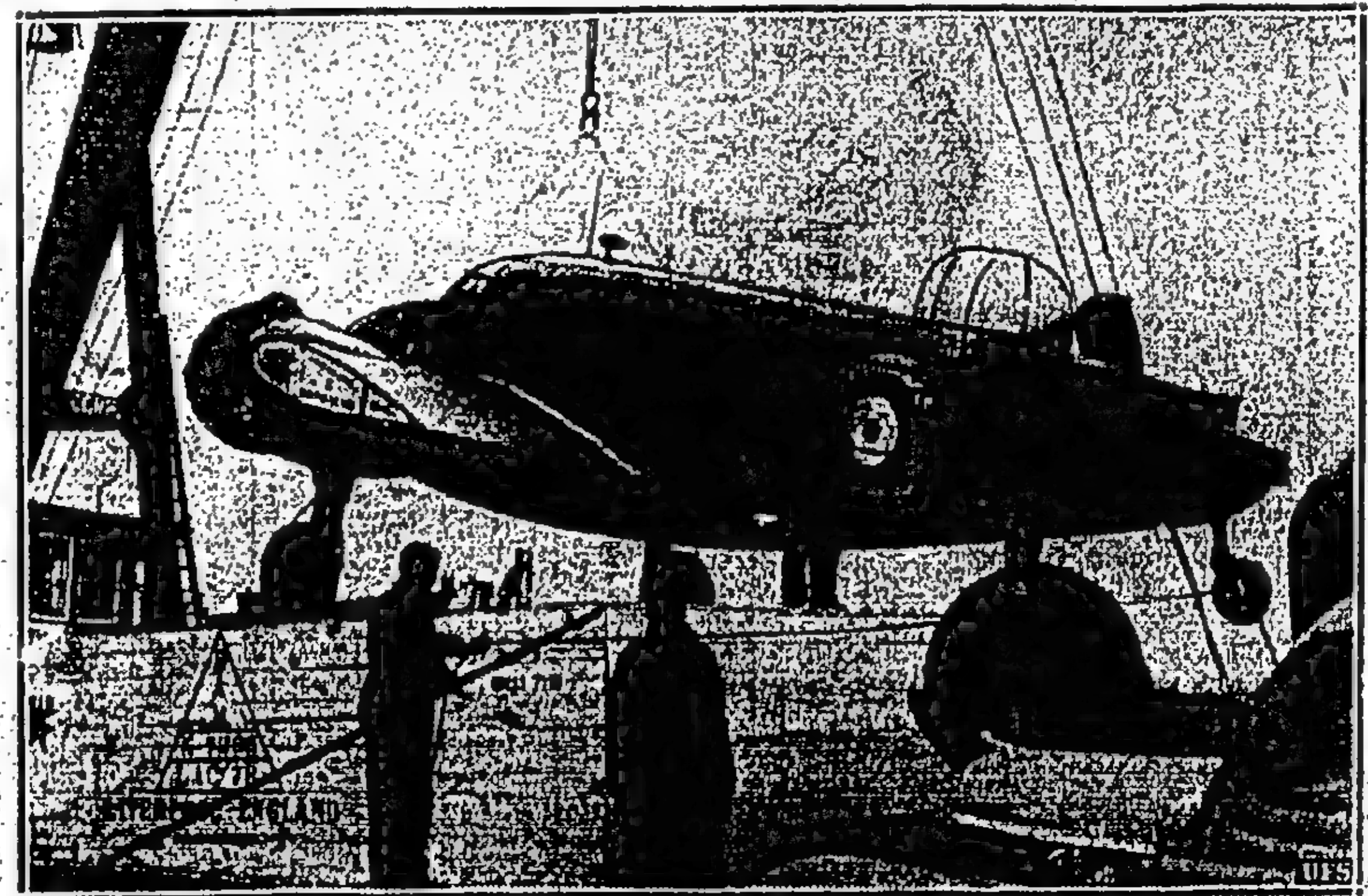
British Prime Minister Chamberlain was feted, cheered and dined in Rome, on his recent visit to Premier Mussolini, but no international problems were settled. Above, the Prime Minister is at right, at a reception given in his honour. Mussolini is at left, with Italian Foreign Minister Ciano, centre.



Here is the 21-ton flying boat Cavalier, of the Imperial Airways, that crashed down on the Atlantic and was swallowed in 10 minutes, while en route from New York to Bermuda. Ice, in the carporters who believed to have made the ship drop to the ocean.



Papa W. E. Badgett, 35, of Galveston, Texas, was a little stunned but happy, when his wife presented him with quadruplet daughters. The babies were named Joyce, Jeanette, Joan and Geraldine.



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Goods not cleared by the 17th March, 1939, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1939.

FLAG DAY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children held a most successful Flag Day on Saturday morning. Deposits were established at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, and at the Urban Council Chamber, Post Office Building, Hongkong.

On Friday night Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier broadcast an appeal to the public for their generous support of this most worthy cause.

The exact amount realised by the drive will not be known until Monday afternoon.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Hongkong etc., arrived Hongkong on Sunday, 12th March, 1939.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 22nd March, 1939, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 18th March, 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1939.

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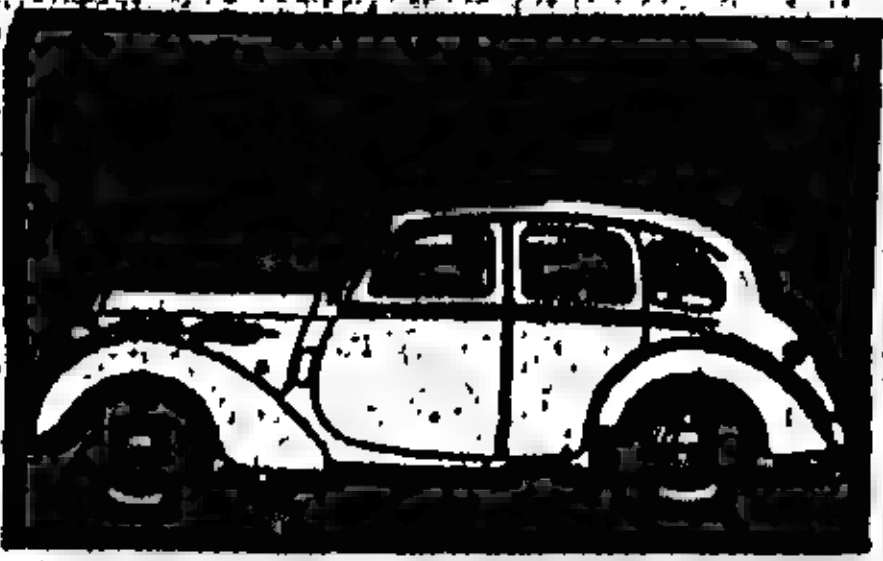
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IMPORTANT PRONOUNCEMENT PREPARED BY MUSSOLINI

ROME, MAR. 11.

THE STRAINED ATMOSPHERE OVER THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL SITUATION WILL, IT IS BELIEVED, COME TO A "SHOWDOWN" WHEN THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS ON MARCH 26 TO CELEBRATE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ORGANISATION.

Climaxing the recent large-scale mobilisation of troops, Premier Benito Mussolini is expected to make an important declaration on Italy's diplomatic policies vis-a-vis the civil war in Spain and colonial problems.

COLONIAL LEADERS IN ROME

Back here on urgent summons of Premier Mussolini, the Viceroy of Abyssinia, the Duke of Aosta, Marshal Italo Balbo, Governor-General of Libya, and Marshal Badoglio, who recently reviewed the Italian forces in Libya, on Friday night attended the Supreme Military Council at Palazzo Venezia.

GERMANY'S TURN TO WORRY Wave Of Armaments Come Over World

BERLIN, Mar. 12.

WHAT GERMANY needs at the present time is peace, declared Admiral Raeder, addressing a big audience, which included Herr Adolf Hitler, at the Opera House celebration of Heroes' Memorial Day.

"There are signs that mischievous hands are at work to undermine this new peace which we obtained. A wave of armaments has come over the world, the gigantic extent of which, in connection with irresponsible war agitation, might kill or seriously jeopardise all that has been achieved with so much trouble.

"DON'T BLAME US"

"We deny nobody the right to take measures for security, but we cannot remain inactive if Germany is represented as solely responsible for the gigantic armament measures, or if it suggested that Germany alone has the intention of attacking her neighbours. Germany's work of reconstruction needs many years of quiet development.

"When the hope of real appeasement arose in the past year, the armaments race of others only increased.

"Where we have achieved a lead in armaments, it shall be held. Where there is a deficiency, it shall be made up.

"Germany is the protector of all Germans on this side of, and beyond our frontiers."—Reuter.

Mr. T. E. Preece has been appointed Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Important measures to counter-act the reported movement of British troops in Egypt and the mobilisation of French forces in Africa were understood to have been discussed at Friday night's conference, which was personally presided over by Premier Mussolini.

The Duke of Aosta arrived here from Ethiopia by aeroplane at 3 p.m. on Friday. Following the military conference, he is returning to Ethiopia in the next few days. Marshal Badoglio and General Balbo arrived here from Libya on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Fascist Grand Council, which was originally scheduled to meet on March 20, was officially declared postponed until March 26 on Thursday. An official announcement says that the postponement has been necessitated by the progress of the military mobilisation and other internal affairs.

400,000 MOBILISED

Informed quarters estimate that between 300,000 and 400,000 troops have been affected by the recent general mobilisation.

With the military measures concluding in the coming fortnight, Premier Benito Mussolini is believed to make definite pronouncements on the European situation at the forthcoming Council session.

Describing the forthcoming statement by Premier Mussolini as "a bombshell declaration," some circles express the fear that as the situation stands another grave crisis will develop in connection with the strained Italo-French relations on the border of Tunis.—Domei.

Mr. S. H. Dodwell has been appointed Unofficial Member of the Executive Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

25 WARSHIPS IN TEST OF SINGAPORE DEFENCE

About 25 warships of the China and East Indies Stations—cruisers, destroyers, submarines, an escort vessel and an aircraft-carrier—will take part in manoeuvres off the coast of Singapore this month during which the fixed defences of the fortress will be tested.

They began last week when the destroyers Duncan, Delight, Duchess and Diamond manoeuvred stealthily without lights in Singapore waters, after their arrival from Hongkong.

The naval exercises will culminate in an "attack" on Singapore early on Friday morning, during Singapore's first compulsory black-out.

Seletar warplanes and troops of the garrison will take part in the exercises.

CRUISE TO STRAITS PORTS
The four destroyers are making a cruise to Malacca Straits ports.

The four destroyers will return to Singapore to-day when the cruisers Manchester and Norfolk from the East Indies Station will arrive at Singapore from Rangoon and the submarines Orpheus and Proteus will also arrive, after carrying out exercises in the Malacca Straits.

After a cruise of Netherlands India ports, the depot ship Medway and its submarines—Regulus, Regent, Rover, Pandora, Rorqual and Parthian—reached Singapore on Saturday.

COMPULSORY BLACK-OUT

The cruisers Kent, flagship of the China Station, and Suffolk, the escort vessel Falmouth, the aircraft-carrier Eagle, the destroyers Daring and Westcott and the Otis will reach Singapore on Friday.

Early on the morning of that day all the naval craft will take part in manoeuvres, which will take the form of an attack on Singapore. "Enemy" carrier-borne planes will fly over Singapore during the attack, when Singapore's first compulsory black-out will be in operation.

Medway and her brood of submarines will leave for Hongkong on Mar. 22. The East Indies Station cruisers will sail for Colombo on Mar. 24 and the cruisers Kent and Suffolk and the escort vessel Falmouth will end their Singapore stay on Mar. 30.

JAPANESE DEMANDS

Puppets Tell S.M.C.
What They Want

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13.
A five-point demand was made to Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, under the date of March 10 by the Greater Shanghai Special Municipality under the jurisdiction of the Reformed Government, it was revealed.

The five points as requested by the Chinese government to the Municipal Government are:

- (1) Strengthening of policing measures in the International Settlement by strict census taking.
- (2) Restoration of police stations on extra Settlement roads.
- (3) Transfer of the district court in the Settlement to the Chinese Municipality.
- (4) Return of land-books to the Municipality.
- (5) Prohibition of flying of White Sun in the Blue Sky flag in the Settlement.—Domei.

JAPANESE REPORT DENIED

Shanghai, Mar. 12.
French police, commenting on a "Domei" story that the French Consulate authorities had ordered Chinese Nationalist flags to be taken down, denied that such an order was given.

Throughout French Concession and the International Settlement, Nationalist flags are at half-mast to-day commemorating the 14th anniversary of Sun Yat-sen's death.—United Press.

Japan's Record Budget

TOKYO, Mar. 12.

JAPAN'S BUDGET FOR 1939-40 amounts to 10,410,000,000 yen.

It includes the ordinary Budget at 8,694,000,000 yen, and extraordinary Military Budget for the China Incident of 4,605,000,000 yen, and a supplementary Budget for the Navy and War Ministries of 810,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver yesterday.

Chinese Envoys In Kowloon



MR. C. T. WANG, recently Chinese Ambassador to the United States, photographed at his home in Kowloon. With Mr. Wang is Mr. S. Y. Hsu, who was Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo until his recall by the Chinese Government.

PALESTINE WARFARE

45 Die In Outbreak In Trans-Jordan

HAIFA, Mar. 12.

AT LEAST 40 Arabs were killed and wounded in yesterday's action which was the first major engagement in Trans-Jordan.

On the Government side, the casualties included one British officer killed, one seriously wounded, and four members of the Arab Legion killed.

Fighting began in the hills, eight miles east of the River Jordan, and south of the Iraq pipeline, near Zemel.

Over 15 air force bombers and fighters co-operated with the Trans-Jordan frontier force and the Arab Legion.

An incident in the encounter was the courage of Sergeant Coggins, of the R.A.F. who was piloting a plane from where Colonel Chrysalis directed operations. The plane was hit several times, and Coggins was seriously wounded. He became faint from loss of blood, but stuck to the controls, and brought Colonel Chrysalis back to safety.

ENEMY DISPERSED

Later information shows that the enemy were finally dispersed by organised pursuit units of the Arab Legion. The Government is in complete control of the situation, and calm prevails.

The enemy suffered heavy casualties, a number of their chieftains being among the slain.

A Jerusalem message says that infantrymen, co-operating with the air force, captured 38 identified terrorists near the Jerusalem-Jaffa railway to-day. They were in possession of gunpowder, and apparently intended to blow up the railway track.

Numerous other incidents resulted in the death of a number of terrorists at the hands of British troops in various parts of Palestine.—Reuter Special.

ARABS FLOGGED

Jerusalem, Mar. 12.
After the introduction of corporal punishment in Palestine a few weeks ago, the first sentences of flogging were passed to-day by the British authorities on two Arab boys aged 14 and 12 years.

The 14-year-old youth was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and 15 lashes, and the younger boy was sentenced to six lashes.

Two other young Arabs were sentenced to death.

All the sentences were passed for carrying arms, and were imposed by the Jerusalem military court.—Trans-Ocean.

Miss Lau Chi-man has been appointed Public Vaccinator.

Slovak Crisis

GERMAN POLICE, CZECH SOLDIERS IN BORDER CLASHES

PRESSBURG, Mar. 12.

A NUMBER OF incidents between the German voluntary police service and Czech soldiers occurred during Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Some time after midnight, a Czech military car drew up in front of the headquarters of the German Party. Several shots were fired from the car at German voluntary policemen standing on guard in front of the building. The German guards replied with fire, whereupon the Czech military car drove off. Altogether about eight shots were fired, though nobody was injured.

Some 70 persons were arrested in Pressburg, including three Reich Germans, who were seized on Saturday night by Czech police and taken into custody despite the intervention of the German Consul-General.

PRESSBURG OCCUPIED

Government headquarters in Pressburg were also occupied on Sunday morning by Hlinka Guards and the German voluntary police. Flags of the Slovak autonomists and the Slovakia waved from the buildings. The provisional deputy Prime Minister, M. Topolansky, acting before the formation of the Sidor Cabinet, held a telephone conversation with the Prague Foreign Minister, Mr. Chvalkovsky as a last act before leaving office, when he demanded the disarming of the German voluntary police force in Slovakia. However, the voluntary policemen have refused to be disarmed.

CRISIS INTENSIFIES

In view of the continual arrests of Slovaks and Germans in Pressburg, said by this time to number several hundreds, and in view of the disquieting reports of new incidents in the districts, excitement among the population here has mounted to fever heat, and in the opinion of foreign observers, might at any time result in a further intensification of the crisis, and may possibly have results the consequence of which could not be foreseen.

The Pressburg headquarters of the German Party were surrounded this afternoon by Pressburg police, who also occupied neighboring houses, and a whole series of buildings behind them. The police took up their positions in front of the headquarters, while armed German Party and Hlinka guards fixed their bayonets.

This afternoon the Hlinka Guards demanded the surrender and evacuation of the Hlinka barracks.

Reports from the provincial towns indicate that Czech soldiers are occupying all the important buildings. This afternoon, a great demonstration was held. In Pressburg, 11 members of the Hlinka Guard were reported to have been wounded.

PREMIER'S BROADCAST

Prime Minister Sidor broadcast this evening with the intention of allaying the excitement caused by the assurances that Czech soldiers and police would be withdrawn, thus quieting the more radical elements.

The Premier said he had given an order that Czech gendarmes and police should leave Slovakia within the next 24 hours. Likewise during the next 24 hours all Slovak priests, party leaders, Hlinka Guard commanders and all district leaders and officials should be released.

Two hundred and fifty persons who had been sent to Moravia after their arrest would be brought back within the next 48 hours, and set at liberty.

"STANDING GUARD"

Premier Sidor declared that the first Council of Ministers of the new Slovak Government would meet to-night and deliberate on an immediate course of action.

The President of the Slovak Diet had asked the Czechoslovakian President to postpone the next meeting of the Diet until March 28. Premier Sidor would then submit to the Diet the programme of the new Government, and at the same time make a report of the work already accomplished by the Government.

The Premier ended his speech with the words: "We are standing guard for Slovak interests. We will build up an independent national life in Slovakia. There is now no going back. Slovakia must go forward!"—Trans-Ocean.

PROVISIONAL COMPROMISE

London, Mar. 12.
The last 48 hours has not made the Slovak problem much easier.

FRENCH FORTIFY CAMRANH

Large Scale Naval
Base In East

TOKYO, Mar. 13.

THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES have started construction of fortifications in Camranh Bay on a large scale with a view to transforming it into France's largest military base in the Far East.

Camranh Bay is known to the Japanese as the port where the Russian Baltic Fleet touched on its way to the Japan Sea to engage in a fateful battle with the Japanese fleet in 1905, during the Russo-Japanese War.

The press message says that following the approval of the 30,000,000 francs defence budget for the French Far Eastern colony, the Government of French Indo-China has applied its land appropriation act extensively to areas surrounding Camranh Bay.

The French authorities recently prohibited entry of all vessels other than French men-of-war into Camranh Bay.—Domei.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Soviet Troops Across Border Hot Engagement With Japanese

TOKYO, Mar. 12.

NEWSPAPER DESPATCHES from Hankin alleged that Soviet troops invaded Manchukuo for the third time in eight days.

Seventy Red troops "crossed" the border in the vicinity of the frontier, marked "H", and allegedly took up positions inside Manchukuo, but were "dislodged" by the Japanese, after a hot engagement lasting an hour.

Four Japanese are reported to have been wounded.

Hankin officials immediately began drafting a strong protest.

INQUIRY INTO AFFAIRS OF 350-CINEMAS GROUP

Board Of Trade Appoints Inspector

SHAREHOLDERS' demands for an inquiry have resulted in the appointment of Mr. Russell Kettle—a partner in the firm of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths and Co., chartered accountants—as an inspector to investigate the affairs of the Gaumont-British Picture Corporation, which controls about 350 cinemas.

This announcement by the Board of Trade recently follows an application made about a year ago by a body of shareholders representing more than the stipulated one-tenth of the share capital of \$6,250,000.

The committee of shareholders stated in their circular that they wanted an inquiry into how the company's subscribed capital had been utilised.

Information was also sought on the present state of the company's affairs and on the agreement with the Fox Film Corporation, an American undertaking.

REPORT TO BOARD

Under this agreement it was stated that some control of Gaumont-British was given to Fox Film Corporation through its holding in Metropole and Bradford Trust, which holds 65 per cent. of Gaumont-British shares.

The Companies Act provides that it shall be the duty of all officers and agents of the company to produce to the inspector the books and documents in their custody. The inspector can examine the officers on oath and he has to report to the Board of Trade.

Gaumont-British affairs have been in the public eye recently. At the beginning of this year it was announced that negotiations were proceeding by which it was hoped Odeon Theatres would make an offer for the Gaumont shares and also the voting shares of the Ostrer group.

The proposed offer was not to be made until there had been an examination of accounts and a survey of properties. This was expected to take place in March or April, but the latest move may cause delay.

Fashion Raids The Tropics

COLOURS are to be quieter this spring. Exhausted, perhaps, by one or two seasons of screaming pinks and riotous reds, the spring scale of shades sinks to a delicate diminuendo of pastels.

Strong colours for brunettes and bright colours for blondes take second place to the more delicate in-between tones that suit the subtle colouring of the "mid-brown" Englishwoman.

At the British Colour Council display of 1939 shades, five groups of colour correlations are shown, all represented in British merchandise—fabrics, gloves, hats and bags.

CARIBOU AND MANILLA
The first main group shows the new tropical pastels. These are bluish greens, dulled coral pinks, soft brownish reds—all with that misty look of objects seen in an aquarium, or perhaps when swimming in a lagoon.

The Edwardian influence tones down the brilliant fuchsias and

DOCTOR TRIED 'TERROR' DRUG

Concerned at the number of mental patients who feared the drug cardiazol, Dr. J. B. O'M. Gillespie, of the Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, tried it on himself.

Cardiazol produces convulsions, which in certain circumstances relieve the effects of mental disorders.

Some patients told Dr. Gillespie that "the very thought of taking the drug again makes me shiver with horror."

Dr. Gillespie, having taken his injection, experienced this:

"I felt my body and limbs coming to lie straight in the bed and my hand turning to a central position."

"Then, very rapidly, something seemed to move in my arms and thorax and to pass up to the base of my neck, where it stopped and increased in intensity. Unconsciousness developed quickly."

Dr. Gillespie describes his experience in a recent issue of "The Lancet."

magentas of last season with more delicate amethyst mauves and two sugar-sweet colours known as sea pink and amaranth.

An important range showing the new "Judy-like" influence in clothes and colourings is the scale of greys and beiges. Caribou is a very warm dark grey. Ash grey is rather cooler in tone and manilla is the new beige. Mixtures of grey and beige, with darker contrasting accents, will be a feature of spring colour schemes for day outfits.

For spring and summer dresses there is the more usual range of fresh bright blues and salad greens.



Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy gave a Gay Nineties party in Beverly Hills, Cal., and here is some of the fun as guests enact the Can-Can dance. Left to right: Betty Grable, Princess Baba, Martha Raye and Dorothy Lamour.

Experts Failed To Answer A Mere Layman's Query

A HUNDRED medical psychology experts from all parts of the country recently failed to answer the question: "What is psychological treatment?"

Mr. Henderson, a Home Office official, unable to attend, sent the question with his letter of regret.

He was being asked the question more and more by interested laymen, he said, and he would like to have a definition by experts in words the layman could understand.

Dr. Edelstone, of Leeds, provided the homespun definition: "Psychological treatment supplies the parental affection the patient has never had."

THE COMFORTER
Miss Madeleine Symons, J.P., said: "I am convinced that it is no impenetrable scientific mystery, but common sense."

At the end of two and half hours of uninterrupted discussion (not all of it about the definition) Dr. Denis

Carroll, director of the Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency, W.I., comforted his colleagues by announcing that he was writing a pamphlet on the subject expressed entirely in non-scientific terms.

The psychologists were attending the only public meeting of the fourth biennial Child Guidance Inter-Clinic Conference at the British Medical Association House, W.C.1. They brought stories from clinics throughout the country which showed the advances made recently by sending delinquent children to remand centres and foster-homes instead of to prison.

2,000 "GOOD," 2,000 "BAD"
Professor A. M. Carr-Saunders, of the London School of Economics, outlined the work of the Home Office inquiry into the causes of juvenile delinquency being carried out under his direction.

A thousand boys from London and a thousand from Cardiff, Hull, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield, guilty of indictable offences, are being compared with 2,000 boys of the same ages from the same schools who have never been in conflict with authority.

No such comprehensive investigation "on the spot" has so far been attempted, said Professor Carr-Saunders. There are 59 headings on the questionnaire.

Phone Girl Chases Man In New York

IN the glare of arc lamps, microphones above their heads, two of London's international phone girls showed how they "get their men."

Thousands of radio listeners heard them. Television viewers watched. Around the girls in the Post Office's Faraday House were 28 other operators talking in half-a-dozen tongues to twice as many countries.

Leslie Mitchell, the commentator, wanted Captain Townley of the Aquitania, two days out from England. He was talking to him within a minute. It was Miss Hilda Collins who put him through.

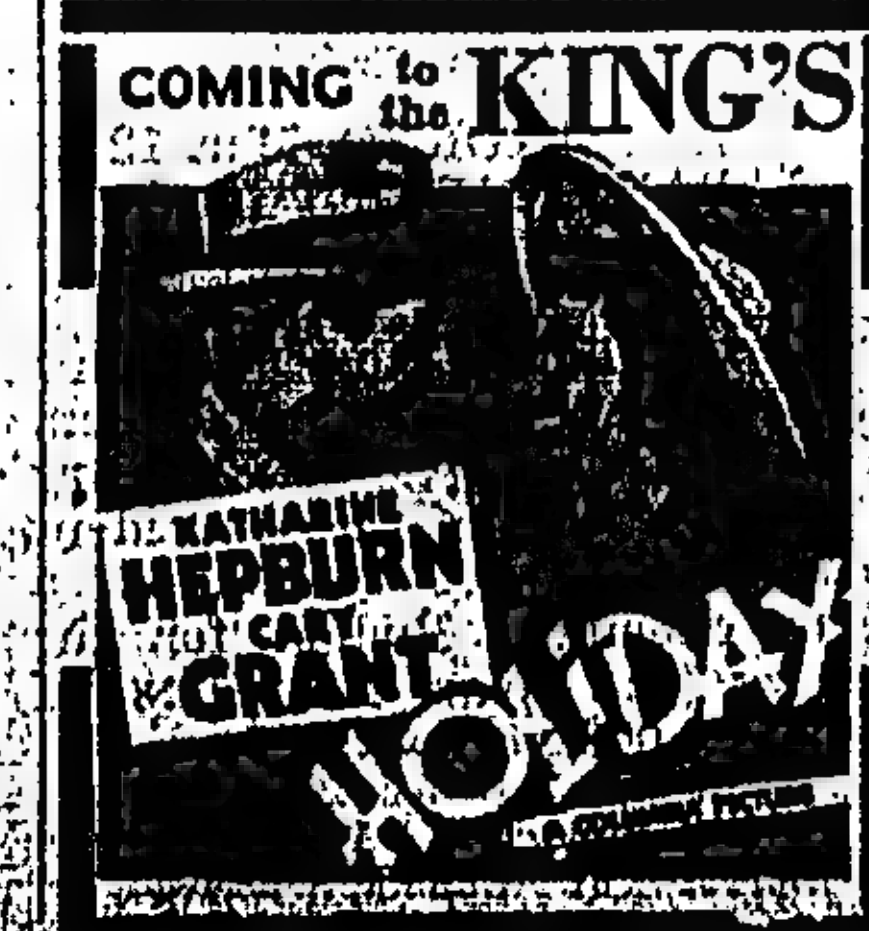
TALK WITH CLOWN

Listeners heard the conversation. They heard, too, phone talks with two of the passengers: Fred Bishop, driver of the Coronation Scot, on his way to the United States with the L.M.S. wonder express; and Clown Kelly, who was at Olympia.

Then Mr. Gerald Cook, director of television at Alexandra Palace, put Eileen Jones through a transatlantic chase. He asked for Mr. John Royal, president of the National Broadcasting Co., somewhere in New York.

A quick play-in on Miss Jones' board. A search starts by radio and telephone. In New York another girl is working as telephone detective. She calls Mr. Royal's home. He isn't there. She calls an hotel. He isn't there. He isn't at his club. He is in the studio.

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Scientists Urge Madrid Test Of Anti-Nerve "Pill"

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LOCKED IN THE SAFE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS THE SECRET FORMULA OF A GLANDULAR-VITAMIN PREPARATION PLANNED TO MAKE BRITAIN'S CIVILIAN POPULATION PANIC-PROOF IN WAR-TIME.

While the formula has been submitted only for experimental purposes, it is understood that Sir John Anderson, A.R.P. chief, is taking a keen interest in the preparation.

It has been suggested that medical experts, acting for the Government, should go to Madrid to study the effect of the preparation on the war-stricken population.

In Capsule Form

Sir John Anderson's department is said to be in consultation with the Ministry of Health as to the possibility of issuing the preparation in a simple and safe capsule form.

Made A Fortune Out Of Fairies

WILLIAM Butler Yeats, the Irish poet whose death at the age of seventy-three was announced recently, made a fortune out of fairies.

His poems and plays were about places and people existing only in his mind.

People thought he really believed in fairies until one day he said: "Fairies... poof! What are fairies? What they call fairies in Galway they call spirits at a Soho seance."

Not only was he a writer of exquisite lyrics, but his appearance was in keeping with the popular conception of a poet.

With a shabby black cloak over his shoulders, a soft black sombrero on his head, a voluminous black silk tie round his neck, he wandered through the streets of Dublin with his hands behind his back and his head in the air.

He looked mild and gentle, but he had a quick sense of humour. When telephoned in 1923 to be told that he had won the Nobel Prize for

The Government are impressed with the claims of the inventor, and hope that if its issue can be restricted to prevent over-dosing it will play a valuable part in the protection of the civil population, especially women and children.

"The idea of the formula is to alleviate human misery in times of great stress," the Daily Sketch was told by one in close touch with the inventor.

"Such a preparation in war-time would be of incalculable value. Scientists who have been investigating the properties of the 'panic pill' say that Madrid, during a bombardment, would provide ideal conditions for experiment."

Literature he said: "Good. How much is it worth in English money?"

"COME TO SUPPER" When told "About £7,000," he said: "That's good news. Come to supper. My wife is frying sausages."

For years school children have learned his poem, "The Lake Isle of Innisfree." He wrote it in a London park when he was a young man. Though he would never say where Innisfree was, it was said to be a rocky islet in Lough Gill, known locally as Rat Island. The fame of the poem took many literary pilgrims to Sligo.

He lived at Rathfarnham at the foot of the Dublin mountains, but in recent years, because of his health, he went to the Riviera in the winter. It was at Mentone that he died. He married in 1917 and leaves a wife and a son and daughter.

Debutante Will Sue Count

MISS Diana Ursula Challacombe, beautiful young blonde, among last year's debutantes, is plaintiff in an action pending in the High Court.

She is suing Count Manfred Czernin, of York-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., for damages for alleged assault and battery.

The claim arises out of incidents said to have taken place after a dinner party at Lansdowne House on November 30. The defence is a denial of the allegations.

Count Czernin is a cousin of the wife of Dr. Schuschnigg, ex-Austrian Chancellor.

IS AIRWOMAN

The action has been set down for hearing in the special jury list of the King's Bench Division, but is not expected to be reached this term.

Tall and slim, Miss Challacombe, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nicholas Challacombe, has appeared in several films and on the stage.

She is, too, a well-known sports-woman. At school she won eight cups for sport, including tennis and swimming, and holds a record for high jumping. Riding and squash are other forms of sport in which she excels.

Recently she took up flying and holds a pilot's certificate.

Free Meals For Good Taste

Toledo, O. To make Jones Junior high school students more vitamin-conscious, three free meals are awarded every day to those who choose their food the most scientifically in the school cafeteria.

State Railways

Canberra, Australia. State owned railways are charitable. Minister of the Interior McEwen has arranged for free transportation on the Commonwealth railways of children, and their escorts, when travelling for medical examination and treatment.



Here is a picture from Spain, taken during General Francisco Franco's Insurgent drive on the Loyalist capital of Barcelona. It shows a supply truck near Artesa del Segre hit by Loyalist air raiders. An Insurgent soldier attempts to salvage some of the material from the truck, set afire by the bombs.

Brutality By The Police Alleged

MEMBERS of Parliament recently gave evidence in support of a demand for an inquiry into allegations that police used unnecessary brutality in dispersing "Arms for Spain" demonstrators in the West End.

So many statements have been made that defenceless and unoffending men and women were charged and batoned during orderly picketing that the National Council of Civil Liberties decided to lay the evidence before Parliament.

The Commissioner of Police also received signed statements from witnesses of alleged police violence.

Among the people alleged to have been injured in Parliament Square

was Mrs. Joyce Lee, of Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.

SERIOUS WOUNDS

Her right eye was closed and swollen.

A doctor who is attending her found serious wounds over both eyes, and an X-ray examination is to be made to determine whether there is any fracture of the skull.

Mrs. Lee's thigh is also sprained, and numerous bruises make it difficult for her to walk without assistance.

Ship Beached Near City

Sydney, N. S. W. Sydney had a shipwreck at its front door. The freighter Sydney Star, after a collision with the coastal freighter Macumba, late at night, had to be beached at Rose Bay, near the Empire flying-boat base.

THE BUSINESS BAROMETER

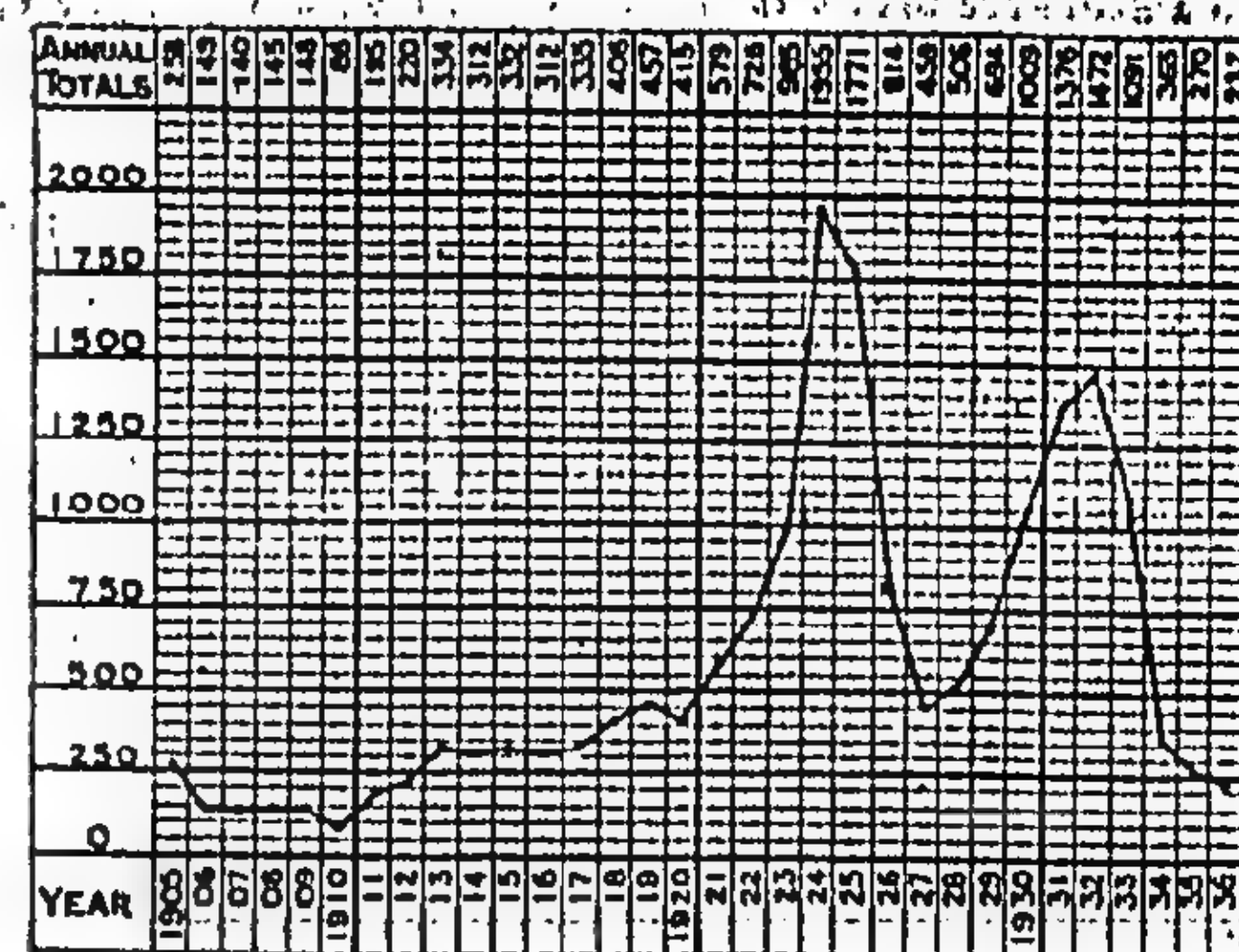


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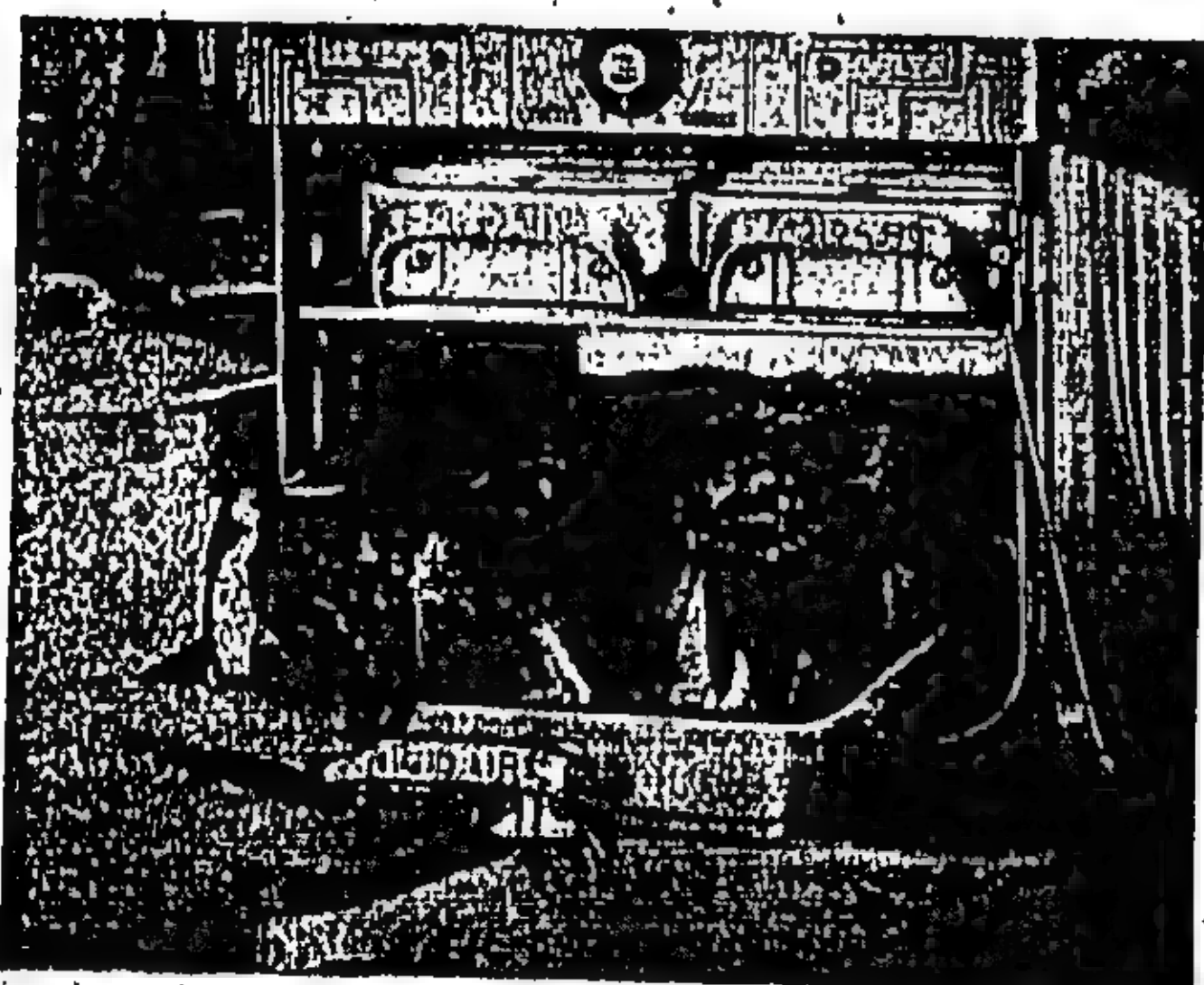
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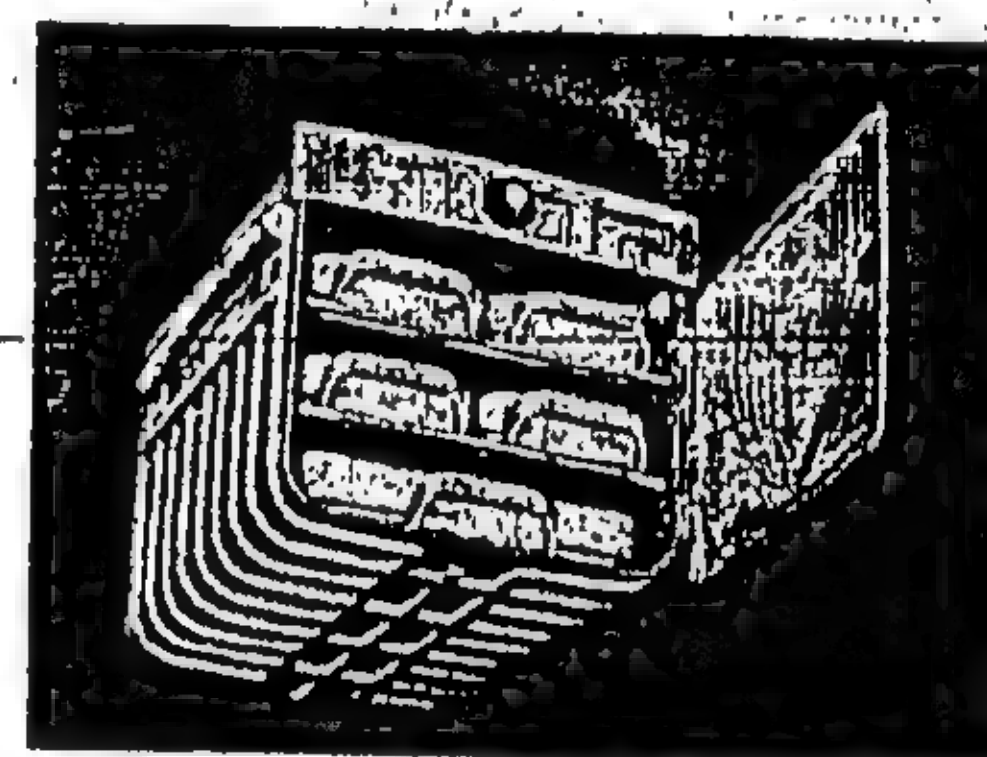
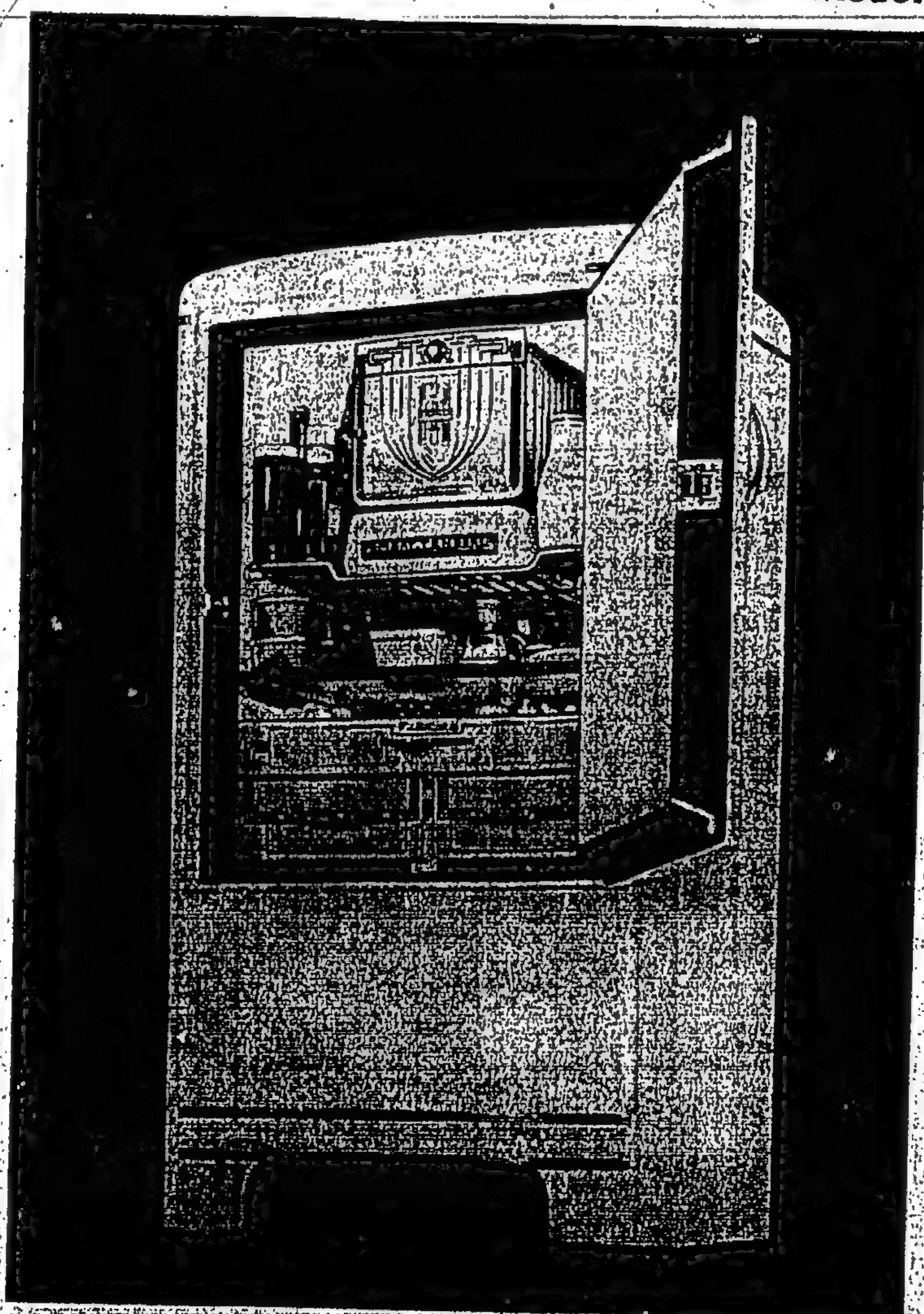
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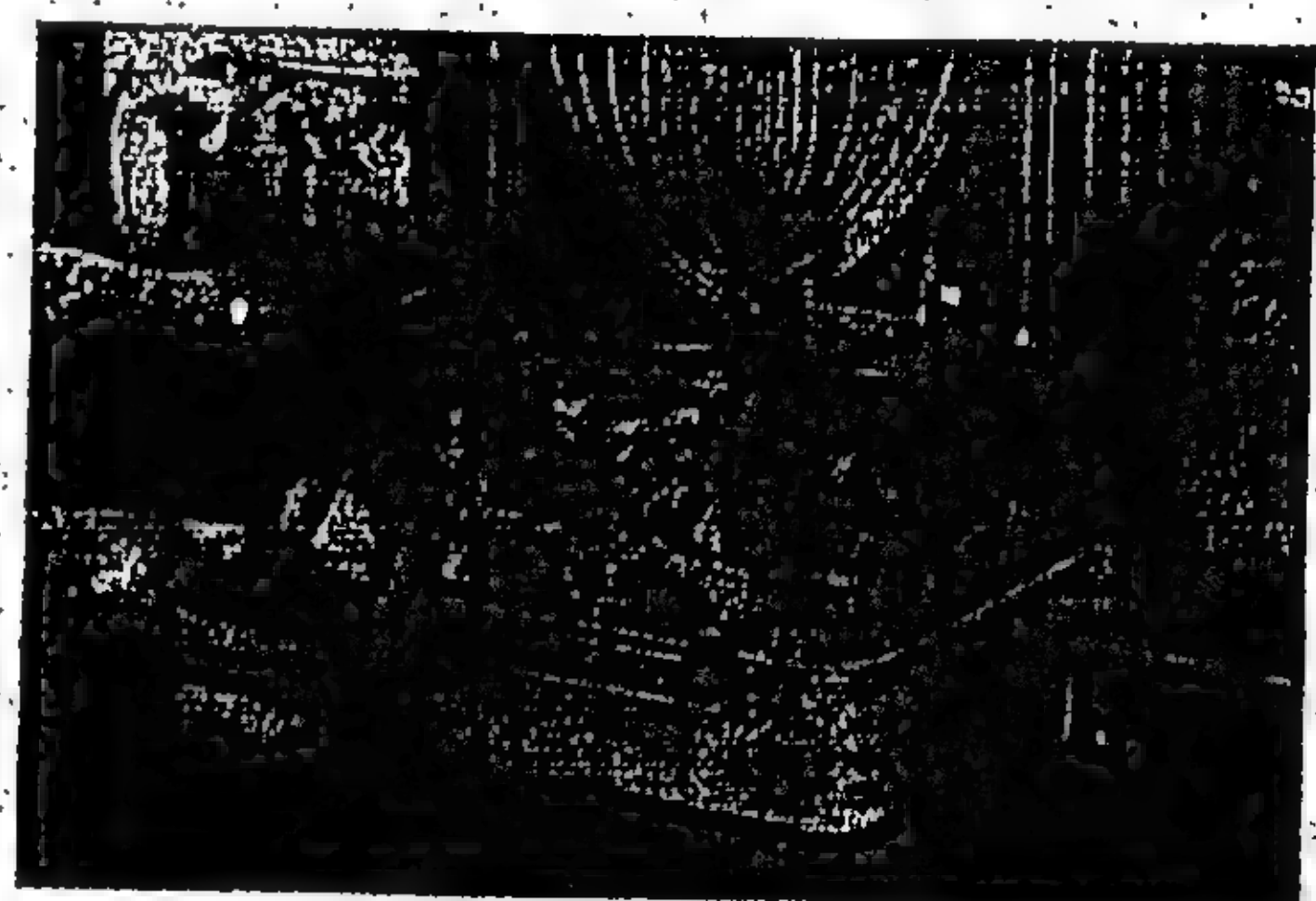
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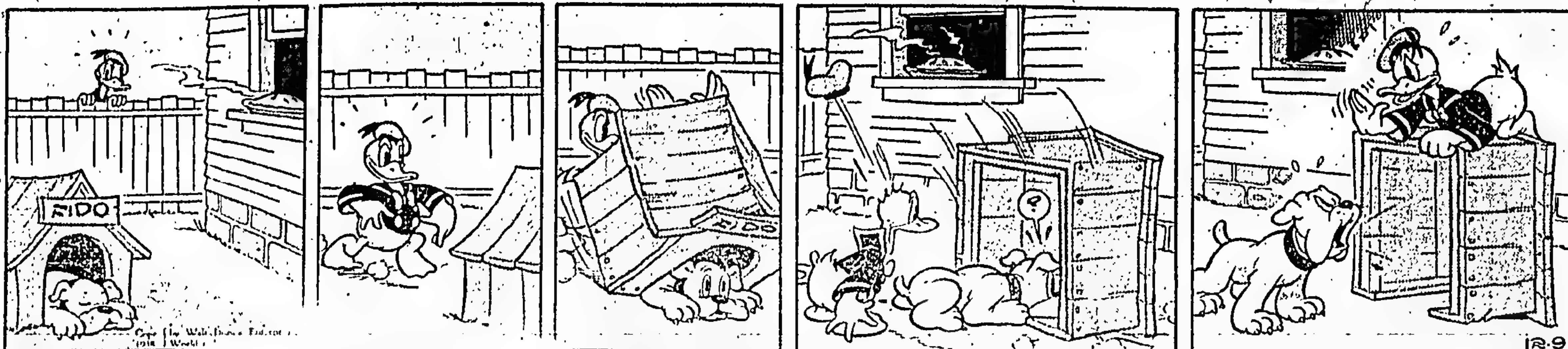
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12.40 Regimental Band of I.M.M. Grenadier Guards.
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1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Latest Variety Numbers.
Orch.—"Magyar Melody"—Selection; ... with Vocal Refrain; Vocal—It's Raining Sunbeams (Coslow, Hollander—film "100 men and a girl"); ... Deanna Durbin with Orchestra; Organ and Piano—"That Certain Age"—Selection; "Carefree Melody"—Selection; ... Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Vocal—Darling, ... you are so different to-day (Amberg); Don't say "Good-bye"—Say "Au Revoir" (Amberg); ... Zarah Leander acc. by Eugen Wolff's Orchestra (Sung in German); Orch.—"You Got Something There (Hart-Hyllon); Jack Hyllon & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Vocal—Honey Chile (Strauss, Dule); ... Denny Dennis with Instrumental Accompaniment.
1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 Selmann—Concerto in D Minor.
Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.
2.15 Close down.

"Business as Usual" A Talk by Cyril Champkin
LONDON MUSIC HALL

9.0 "For The Children." Nursery Rhymes (Traditional Tunes) Intro: Hot Cross Buns; Pussy Cat; Hickory Dickory Dock; Oh Dear! What Can the Matter Be; The Bonnie Blue Bird; When the King Enjoys His Own; Sing a Song of Sixpence; Three Blind Mice; Jack and Jill; Humpty Dumpty; Little Bo Peep; Hey Diddle Diddle; I Saw A Ship a-Sailing; ... British Light Orchestra cond. by Stephen S. Moore; "More Very Young" Songs (A. A. Milne-Fraser-Simpson) (a) Binker; (b) Shoes and Stockings; (c) Forgiven; ... George Baker (Baritone) with Piano; Studio—Serial Story; Little Drummer Boy (Noel & Peleto); Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra; Here Comes The Sandman (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air"); ...
9.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
9.35 Hawaiian Selections.
Smiling Eyes (Nawahi); Hawaiian Love Bird (Denniker & Ruzaf); ... King Nawahi's Hawaiians; Papalua; Lanihuli (Noble); Hula Hula (Wood); ... Ray Minney with Dick McInlin's Harmony Hawaiians; Lionel Lonsome Without My Baby; ... Masters' Hawaiians.
9.51 Frances Langford (Vocal).
I've Got You Under My Skin (film "Born to Dance"); Rap Tap On Wood (film "Born to Dance"); ... with Jimmy Dorsey & His Orch.; Sweet Heartache (film "The Hit Parade"); ... with Victor Young & His Orch.; ... 7.0 Latest Dance Music.
Quickstep—I've Got A Pocketful Of Dreams (film "Sing you Sinners"); ... M. Pierre & His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra; Comedy Quickstep—Oh Will You Wash My Face; Chorus; Fox-Trot—The Merry-Go-Round; ... Sid Millward & His Niwits; Slow Fox-Trot—Penny Serenade; Waltz—Never Break A Promise; ... Gerald & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
11.0 Close down.

NATIONAL SERVICE

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weeks at time of writing, it is impossible to say whether or not it is succeeding.

NATIONAL SERVICE

National Service was initiated about the last week in January with the issue of a White Paper listing several hundred "reserved occupations."

This meant that generally speaking those engaged in occupations listed should not volunteer for national service, and might not be required in war time, since their occupation comes under the heading of indispensable.

It was estimated that it accounted for about 7,000,000 of the working population. It contained many anomalies. For instance, the list included all the mechanical branches of the newspaper trade, but not the editorial staffs.

20,000,000 HANDBOOKS

At the same time as the White Paper, the Government, through the mails, distributed 20,000,000 handbooks to households throughout the country. These 48-page booklets, in concise and simple language, rounded up all the various defence organizations the man-in-the-street can join if he wishes.

Brief particulars about the age limits, the nature of the work, how to join, and where to get additional information are set out for each service.

Officially entitled "National Service. A guide to the ways in which the people of this country may give service," it contains a message from Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. This is a facsimile letter in Chamberlain's own hand-writing on No. 10; Downing Street notepaper. It reads:

The words of all of us in this country are united in the desire to see that the people of this country may give service. It is a message from the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain. This is a facsimile letter in Chamberlain's own hand-writing on No. 10; Downing Street notepaper. It reads:

The wording of the first two sentences of this message caused a delay in the distribution of the handbooks. It had been planned to issue them about the first or second week in January, but Chamberlain and Lord Halifax were going to Rome on January 11, and it was felt that the Italians might not like that remark about "being strong."

The handbook also contains a foreword by Sir John Anderson. He says: "The call is to peace and not to war. We have no thought of aggression; our one wish is to live at peace with all peoples. But if this wish is to be fulfilled we must be up and doing. We must make ourselves strong so that our influence for peace may be real, and we must make ourselves safe so that others cannot be tempted to thoughts of aggression against us."

Anderson points out that the handbook offers new careers in the regular fighting services; that it helps to decide whether the reader is "engaged" in work vital to the country's security; which is itself national service; and that it is possible to undertake some new whole-time or part-time service in war time and to train for it in peace time.

SERVICES LISTED

Here are the services listed in the handbook:

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The auxiliary fire service, ages 25-50.
The Royal Naval volunteer reserve, ages 18-25.
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LETTERS

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To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—On March 3 last you kindly published a notice in regard to a proposed Auxiliary Fire Service in Hong Kong. Appeal was made for volunteers for this Service. I regret that, owing to a typing error, a mistake occurred in the notice which

stated that applicants would have to undergo medical examination "with charge." The correct reading was "without charge."

May I trespass on your courtesy to bring to the notice of the public that volunteers will not be required to meet any expenses, either for medical examination or for equipment. The very limited response so far to the appeal may be due to misunderstanding on this point.

T. H. Kwo.
Chief Officer, Fire Brigade.



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Russia?

THE biggest handicap in British diplomacy at the present time is of the British Government's own creation. It is their deliberate cold-shouldering of Russia.

This refusal of Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues to collaborate with Russia contributed more than anything else to the democratic rout at Munich. Russia had publicly avowed in unambiguous terms her intention of fulfilling her treaty obligations. But the British Government apparently preferred to believe the tittle-tattle of cosmopolitan busy-bodies who asserted that Russia was either unwilling or unable to fulfil her obligations.

This determination to force Russia into isolation—to treat her as the pariah of Europe—continues. Mr. Chamberlain, it seems, would prefer to lose the British Empire without Russian support than keep it with Russian help.

It is not only that the British Government are throwing away a valuable friend in time of peace and a powerful ally if need should arise. The inevitable effect of trying to isolate Russia must be to throw her into the arms of Germany. This possibility has often haunted the Foreign Offices of France and Britain, and now Mr. Chamberlain seems in a fair way to bringing it about.

In view of Herr Hitler's denunciations of "Bolshevism," such an outcome may seem impossible. But stranger things have happened, and the present trade talks between Russia and Germany should give abundant food for thought in Downing Street.

KORDA: NO ROMANCE

MR. ALEXANDER KORDA, the film producer, who arrived at Plymouth recently from New York, denied that he was married or that there was a romance between him and Merle Oberon.

He also described as "domestic" reports that he was fed up with England and was contemplating living in America.

TO-DAY IN HISTORY

A BISHOP who sought health IN TAR-WATER

"I HAVE," said Dr. George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, "beaten more pains on this work than on any of my other productions."

Berkeley referred to a book entitled "Virtues of Tar-water," in which he extolled the benefits of a concoction for curing various ailments.

Accused of exaggerating, Berkeley retorted: "To speak out, I suspect tar-water is a panacea."

Whereupon the newspapers of the day waxed sarcastic at the bishop's expense. Here is an epigram published in one periodical:

"Who dare deride what pious Cloyne has done?
The Church shall rise and vindicate her son;
She tells us all her bishops shepherds are,
And shepherds heal their rotten sheep with tar."

A certain John Wishaw, a solicitor, writing to a friend on May 25, 1744, gives a brief account of Berkeley and his tar-water:

"The Bishop of Cloyne, in Ireland, has published a book, of two shillings price upon the excellence of tar-water, which is to keep ye blood in due order, and a great remedy in many cases. His way of making it is to put, I think, a gallon of water to a quart of tar, and after stirring it together, to let it stand 48 hours, and then pour off the clear and drink a glass of about half a pint in ye morn, and as much at five in ye afternoon. So it's become common to call for a glass of tar-water in a coffee-house, as a dish of tea or coffee."

The Bishop practised what he preached, stuck to his tar-water, and wrote a sequel to his previous work, called "Further Thoughts on Tar-water," being his last production for the Press.

Berkeley suffered from what he described as nervous colic and could obtain relief only from his own specific.

Apart from this obsession of Berkeley's, he was a remarkable man. He was a great philosopher and mathematician, though often unorthodox.

At Trinity College, Dublin, where he was educated, opinion was divided as to whether he was a fool or a prodigy. His subsequent career proves that he was no fool, for before he was 23 he won a fellowship.

Within three years he published his "Theory of Vision," in which he discussed the prevailing ideas of sight and touch.

He argued that a man born blind, could be made to see, would be unable to recognise any object by sight which he had previously known by touch. Such person, too, would have no sense of the relative distance of objects.

This argument was proved in a strange way, 18 years afterwards, when a young man, blind from birth, was suddenly restored to sight. He declared that he could not distinguish a dog from a cat by sight, and was so confused between his newly-acquired faculty and his touch that he wanted to know which of the two senses were lying.

Next year Berkeley published his "Principles of Human Knowledge," in which he tried to prove that the common notion of the existence of matter was wrong, and that common articles of everyday use existed only as ideas in the mind.

He further developed this theory in "Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous," which, if it did not convince eighteenth century scientists, gave him a reputation as a writer and the friendship of Dean Swift.

Meanwhile, from 1707, he had been engaged as a college tutor. In 1712 he paid a short visit to England, and in April 1713 Swift presented him at Court.

He soon made himself popular in London, and became chaplain to Lord Peterborough, whom he accompanied to the Continent, returning in August 1714.

From 1715 to 1720 he travelled again as tutor to the son of Dr. St. George Ashe, an Irish Bishop.

In 1721 the country was disturbed by the South Sea Bubble scandal, and Berkeley published an "Essay towards preventing the Ruin of Great Britain." In the same year he became chaplain to the Duke of Grafton, and in 1724 he was in demand as a lecturer on divinity.

MONDAY, MARCH 13.
St. Gregory the Great.

Born: Bishop George Berkeley, philosopher, 1684.

Died: Caesar Borgia, killed, 1503; Ludovick Muggleton, founder of the Muggletonians, 1697.

His first preferment in the Church was the deanery of Derry. He was no sooner settled in this post than he conceived an idea for converting the North American Indians. He proposed the building of a college in Bermuda as a missionary school. He offered to resign his deanery, worth £1100 a year, and go out there as the first president at a salary of £100 a year.

Parliament considered the plan and gave its approval, and Berkeley made preparations to take a number of kindred spirits.

For seven years, however, Sir Robert Walpole made various excuses for withholding the charter and grant of £20,000 promised by the Government.

Meanwhile Berkeley had set sail for Rhode Island, accompanied by his wife—the daughter of the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons.

The whole scheme was doomed to failure, owing mainly to the breach of faith of Sir Robert Walpole, who eventually applied the money to other purposes.

After spending all the funds he could raise from his deanery and from other sources, Berkeley was forced to abandon his project for converting the Indians.

Through Dean Swift Berkeley had made the acquaintance of the celebrated Vanessa, Mrs. Hester Van Homrigh, who, upon discovering that Swift was married, left Berkeley half her property. It appears that she had met him only once at dinner.

After his return from Rhode Island, where he had spent three years waiting for the Government grant, he published the most useful of his works, "The Minute Philosopher," written in the form of dialogue.

It was a critical survey of the various forms of free-thinking of the time. It was warmly appreciated by certain sections of the Church, and was shown to the Queen, with whom Berkeley became a great favourite.

Through her influence he was appointed to the deanery of Down, and in 1736 promoted to the see of Cloyne.

In the same year his "Analyst," again on the subject of free-thinking, placed him in the centre of a hot controversy.

At this period Berkeley went into retirement, devoting himself to the discharge of his duties as Bishop, and in works of charity.

In 1745 he refused the see of Clogher, which would have doubled his income.

He kept up a correspondence with the prominent men of the day and wrote a number of pamphlets on various subjects. It was now that he wrote his treatises on the virtues of tar-water.

Despite the regular draughts of tar-water, Berkeley's health began to fail.

He was unable to carry on his work in Ireland, and he went to Oxford and requested permission of the King to resign his see with the view to obtaining a canonry in that city.

The King, however, refused to accept his resignation. "Berkeley shall die a bishop, in spite of himself," said George II., and he gave him permission to live wherever he pleased.

One of Berkeley's last acts was to make over £200 worth of rents from the sea lands at Cloyne to poor housekeepers in his diocese.

Bishop Berkeley, who was born on March 13, 1684, at Killybegs, in the County of Kilkenny, Ireland, died at Oxford on Sunday, January 14, 1753.

It was while he was seated with his family listening to the reading of a sermon that he fell back and died so quietly that he was believed to be asleep. When his daughter later brought him a cup of tea he was stiff and cold.

He was buried in Christ Church, Oxford.

Berkeley is described as "a handsome man, with a countenance full of meaning and benignity. Remarkable for great strength of limbs, and till his sedentary life impaired it, of a very robust constitution."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



BRITAIN PREPARES—II

NATIONAL SERVICE

by

H. L. Percy

United Press Staff Correspondent.

LINKED UP with Britain's anti-aircraft army are several voluntary organisations, which, while coming under the heading of Air Raid Precautions, are not actually military in the strict sense of the word.

For instance, there is the observer corps. Members of this, mostly on the coast, man observation posts, and give first warning of approaching enemy aircraft. A complicated code of telephone signals has already been arranged for flashing the warning to local headquarters. Recruits must be above the age of 30 and have good hearing and eyesight.

Then there is the balloon barrage. Hundreds of blimps dangling curtains of steel wire will encircle the principal cities. Their purpose is to force enemy planes to heights at which accurate bombing will be impossible.

In addition to London, the following cities are to have barrages: Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Derby, Hull, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton, Glasgow and Cardiff. It has been officially stated that barrages for most of these cities will be in operation next summer, and all of them by the end of the year.

100 PER CENT OPERATIVE

In London, it was added, the barrage was 90 per cent operative at the end of 1938, and will be 100 per cent by this month.

Service in the balloon barrage squadrons is also voluntary, and is open to men aged between 25 and 50 as drivers, winch-handlers, riggers and fabric workers.

Another auxiliary service is the training of employees in factories and plants in anti-aircraft defence. Airplane factories, automobile plants, steel mills, and the "shadow" factories now turning out machinery, but which in war-time can be turned over to munitions, will be defended by their own staffs.

These men, classed as indispensable, are being equipped with machineguns and light two-pound guns for defence against low-flying attacks. Their uniform will be their coveralls, and they will be required to be able to get into action within 20 minutes of downing tools.

LAST LINE OF DEFENCE

Britain's second and last line of defence in the next war will be her civil population.

An estimated total of 30,000,000 will be available for this vast "army of the rear," engaged only in passive defence. It will include some young men, unfit for fighting or indispensable; practically all men past the fighting age up to about 70; and all able-bodied women.

Under the general heading of "National Service," a score of organisations are open to these civilians; all of them designed to contend with the effects and results of air attack. They range from air-raid wardens to evacuation officers.

All service is completely voluntary at present, but as Sir John Anderson, unofficial Minister for Civil Defence, has explained, it can be made compulsory.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time in 900 years, will be in grave danger of armed invasion. In the past the navy kept her shores intact. The danger now is from the air. To meet this modern peril, Britain is organising her civil population. Every able-bodied man and woman will have a job to do. This series of articles tells the story of Britain's army of "passive defence", and of the hundred-and-one other ways in which Britain is preparing for war at home.

pulsory almost at a moment's notice in an emergency.

Decision to let everybody have a hand in defending his and her country was taken after the Czecho-Slovakian crisis. Before that, that is from January, 1938, the Air Raid Precautions Act covered what little preparation for defence there was. This was a more or less lukewarm recruitment as air-raid wardens, weekly instruction in dealing with gas and bombs, and so forth.

PUBLIC DEMAND

After the crisis, however, the public began to demand bigger and better defence. They demanded a compulsory national register, and, in some cases, compulsory national service.

The government's answer was that a compulsory register was not desirable, although with the machinery of the next census in 1941, such a register is being prepared which could be made compulsory in about three weeks, instead of many months.

In its place they offered voluntary national service, and appointed Sir John Anderson to the sinecure post of Lord Privy Seal with the duties, but not the title, of Minister of Civil Defence.

Anderson, diplomat rather than politician, quickly got to work. On November 3, 1938, in his first speech in the House of Commons, he outlined his programme as follows:

1. An evacuation policy.
2. Public shelters.
3. Regional organisation to take over in war-time.
4. Relationship between the Government and local authorities regarding A.R.P.
5. London's defence problems.
6. National voluntary service.
7. Changes in the A.R.P. organisation.

In the three months since then Anderson has announced plans for most of these seven points. One of his first steps was the appointment of a "patriot trust" of six leading business-men to advise on defence problems, and receive representations regarding delays, defects and difficulties.

Before Parliament rose for the Christmas vacation, he announced that in January national service would be introduced. He said it would be entirely voluntary, and for a trial period of three months only.

At the end of this month, Parliament is to review its progress and decide whether it is necessary to make it compulsory. As the speech has been explained, it can be made compulsory.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Spain

REVOLT IN MADRID CONTINUES

Serious Shortage Of Food Reported

Madrid, Mar. 11. After their headquarters had been bombed by artillery the Provincial and Central Committees of the Communist Party surrendered unconditionally to the Casado forces shortly after noon.

The Communists telephoned for several tanks to meet the attack, but these were not able to reach the headquarters.

At the end of an hour of fighting several Communists appeared at the door of the building, and, finding themselves faced with Republican soldiers, threw their arms on the pavement. This does not signal the end of "the war within a war." Vigorous action is still being taken against the Communists entrenched in various other buildings.

The Republican troops have recaptured part of the Salamanca quarter and have reoccupied the Calle de Alcalá which famous thoroughfare is scarred with trenches and dotted with blood stained machine-gun emplacements.

While snipers are still busy, the centre of the City is calmer as the battle is now localised in the eastern quarters where the Calle de Alcalá enters the capital.

General Minja's Junta, which has the support of the press still controls the wireless, and, in defiance of the principal Communist objectives—and goes so far as to accuse the Communists of complicity with General Franco because the rising has weakened the Republican camp at a moment of greatest stress.

The Communists on the other hand make capital out of the affirmation that General Casado intends to surrender the territory still held by the Republicans to the Nationalists.

The need for food is urgent, for yesterday there was no bread. Moreover the Communists asked a conveyor bringing milk for children and old people. Yet the food rationing is still amazingly normal, considering the transport difficulties in the dangerous zones.

The respective forces are storing supplies under the very noses of their opponents, who are not able to distinguish, until too late, the destination of the food stores. Military control over the streets and even buildings may be divided.—*Reuter.*

Communist Claims

Lisbon, Mar. 11. A Communist radio message stated that fierce fighting occurred throughout the city after mid-day. "Minja's forces penetrated our trenches but were repelled after hand-to-hand fighting. There are mountains of corpses in Madrid. The revolt has been triumphant in the provinces."—*United Press.*

Communists Undeclared

Burgos, Mar. 12. The Communists are reported to be advancing on the Salamanca district, best residential quarter in Madrid, where they occupied a sector underground. Fierce fighting is going on round the Union Radio building still held by the Junta's troops. It is also reported that General Minja's forces have been driven out of their positions by the Communists in the cities of Murcia, Alicante and Cartagena.

Several actors and actresses, described as confidential advisers of Dr. Negrin, have been arrested in Barcelona. They are accused of tyrannising over their fellow artists through the actors' syndicates.—*Reuter.*

OFFENSIVE AGAINST MADRID SAID TO HAVE STARTED

Madrid, Mar. 11. General Franco began his offensive against Madrid to-day and the Republican batteries have been replying to the Nationalist bombardment this morning, but stopped after a few hours' exchange of shots, leaving both sides in the same positions as before.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Offensive Still Pending

Burgos, Mar. 11. It is officially denied that the offensive against Madrid has begun.—*United Press.*

Aerial Bombardments

Madrid, Mar. 11. According to a war communiqué to-day five Nationalist Savoia planes bombed Cartagena, but there were no casualties.

On the Andalusian front Republican anti-aircraft guns brought down one Fiat pursuit machine which had machine-gunned the Republican troops.—*United Press.*

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

hoyt-toyt astigmatism
hollyhock astrakhan
mobkerry polliot
English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 6.

Guilty of Spying

Los Angeles, Mar. 11. Mikhail Gorin, manager of the local office of Intourist, the Soviet travel agency, and Halia Salich, a naturalised American citizen, were to-day convicted under the Espionage Act. Gorin's wife, Natasha, was acquitted. Salich was found guilty of transmitting to Gorin and Gorin to his superiors in Russia, data concerning Japanese espionage activities and sabotage plans.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai

PUPPETS PROTEST TO S.M.C.

Control Of Courts In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 12. The Pro-Japanese Shanghai Chinese Mayor, Fu Siao-en, has protested to the Municipal Council and Consular body against terrorism, demanding:

- (1) Better Police control to check it;
- (2) Return to the pro-Japanese Taitao regime of the western district Police station which British troops recently closed;
- (3) House-to-house searches in the International Settlement for terrorists and Communists;
- (4) Handing over of the International Settlement Chinese courts;
- (5) Surrender of the former Chinese Land Office files and documents;
- (6) Prohibition of flying of Nationalist flags in the International Settlement.

It is believed that one of the objects of the protest is to obtain a reply from the Council which would be considered to be de facto recognition of the pro-Japanese regime. The Council up to the present has ignored the pro-Japanese regime's notes.

The Taitao protest to the Municipal Council warned that the Taitao Police would under the international Settlement policing unless the Municipal Police are able to cope with terrorism.

The protest said that "drastic steps" might be used unless the British troops permit the re-opening of the western district Taitao Police Station. The note said that effective from April 1 the Taitao Government will recognise the civil and criminal judgments of the International Settlement Chinese Courts.

It added that "grave trouble" would result unless the Council prohibits the flying of the Nationalist flags in the International Settlement.—*United Press.*

Police In Shanghai

Tokyo, Mar. 11. Within a week of the announcement of the enrolment on March 4, over 2,000 young men including American-born Japanese, have applied for 30 vacancies in the Japanese police in the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The number of Japanese police in the Shanghai Municipal Council is 298, of whom 269 from the existing strength. Following the recent recrudescence of terrorism in the International Settlement, the Japanese authorities have decided to fill up the vacancies as soon as possible.—*Domei.*

SHANGHAI INCIDENT

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Municipal Police detectives arriving in the home of Zao San-chen, Director of the Japanese controlled Consolidated Tax Bureau in the American Defence Sector, to investigate on unexplained information, unexpectedly discovered four Japanese military policemen in multi guarding Zao. Thereupon they telephoned to the U. S. Marines, who sent two officers and 20 men in a motor-truck. They ordered the Japanese Military Police to leave the sector, which they did.

Eye-witnesses said that the Japanese complied with the U. S. Marine's order to leave without objection, wherefore there was no tension. An unconfirmed report says that the Japanese were questioning Zao San-chen in connection with reported animosity and jealousy among pro-Japanese Chinese officials, wherein the rival factions are alleged to have made efforts to embarrass each other.—*United Press.*

American Protest

Shanghai, Mar. 12. The U. S. Marines last week protested to the Municipal Council against its agreement with the Japanese whereby the Municipal Council will permit the Japanese military authorities to search suspected terrorist-hide-outs in the Settlement in the presence of the Municipal Police.

The protest referred to the United States Defence Sector only.—*United Press.*

Grand Total Of Japan's Budget Is Yen 10,410,000,000

Tokyo, Mar. 12. The grand total of Japan's budgets, inclusive of the general and extraordinary military budgets, for the 1939-40 fiscal year, amounts to yen 10,410,000,000.

Included in the grand total are yen 3,694,000,000 for the general budget, yen 4,005,000,000 for the extraordinary military budget in connection with the China Incident, yen 2,100,000,000 for the supplementary budget for the Army and the Navy, yen 200,000,000 for the supplementary budget for civil service Ministries, and yen 700,000,000 as the fund for contracting liabilities outside the purview of the Budget.

The yen 200,000,000 supplementary budget for civil service Ministries which was finally approved by the Ministry of Finance on Saturday, will shortly be submitted to the Diet. This sum includes yen 7,000,000 for payment for Government's holdings of the shares of the projected Japan Aviation Corporation.—*Domei.*

The Crisis in Slovakia

Believed Affair Will Be Peacefully Settled By Prague

Disturbances in many centres in Slovakia occurred during the week-end between the authorities and the Hlinka Guards following the recent dismissal of the Tiso Cabinet by the Central Government in Prague. Appeals have been made to Berlin for intervention, but order has been restored without outside assistance, and a new Cabinet has been formed by appointments from Prague. M. Carol Sidor, former vice-Premier of the Central Government, has replaced Dr. Tiso.

Germany is taking the closest interest in the situation, but no diplomatic moves have yet been announced. Prague's action is regarded as an infringement of Slovakia's autonomous rights. A conference was held in Berlin between Hitler and other high officials, but no step is taken, pending further developments.

Britain finds the undercurrents of the rebellion puzzling to European statesmen, as most experts are reluctant to believe that the *putsch* is a purely spontaneous movement happening in a place where spontaneous movements are no longer the fashion.

As France has no further obligations in Czechoslovakia she is able to watch the situation with calm. It is reported by *Reuter* that the crisis in the Slovak capital is not worrying Europe's diplomats who do not consider it a serious threat to European Peace.

Riot at Prison

Bratislava, Mar. 11. Six Hlinka Guards were seriously wounded when Czech military guards fired at them when they tried to liberate the former propaganda chief of the Slovak People's Party, Dr. Mach, from prison.

Another report says that Professor Tuka, foremost champion of the Slovakian independence movement, has been transferred from Bratislava prison to a jail in Moravian-Ostrau.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Headquarters Occupied

Bratislava, Mar. 11. The headquarters of the German party at Kramarsk were occupied by Czech soldiers and German party functionaries were arrested by the Czech military to-day.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Bratislava Orderly

Prague, Mar. 11. The toll in yesterday's disturbances in Slovakia were three dead—two Hlinka guards and a German woman. To-day Bratislava is orderly. Carloads of prisoners, mostly officers of the Hlinka Guards, are to be seen passing through the streets.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Warning to Population

Bratislava, Mar. 11. Czech artillery from the hillside above Bratislava to-day fired five blank shots, apparently to emphasise to the population that it is still under military rule. Later armoured cars and, it is reported, tanks patrolled the streets of Bratislava, firing blank shots.—*United Press.*

New Demonstrations

Pressburg, Mar. 11. New mass demonstrations were held in Pressburg this afternoon. Crowds marched in the streets singing national Slovak songs. Large detachments of Hlinka Guards are seen everywhere. Most of the population is wearing nationalist Slovak badges.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Troops Withdrawn

Budapest, Mar. 11. It is learned here that throughout the night consultations have been going on between Slovak leaders and Prague, in which Dr. Tiso is stated to have participated. Most of the Czech troops and gendarmes have been withdrawn from the streets of Bratislava and order is being maintained by the police and a few Hlinka Guards.

All roads leading to the city are guarded by Czech troops and gendarmes and during the night parties of Hlinka Guards from the provinces were turned back.

M. Sidor, the Czech Deputy Prime Minister, appealed to the Hlinka Guards to avoid incidents.

The opinion is expressed that the two most serious dangers appear to have been averted, namely, armed resistance by the Slovaks and intervention from outside.—*Reuter.*

WITHDRAWAL DEMAND

Prague, Mar. 11. According to reports received here this afternoon from Pressburg Hlinka Guards presented an ultimatum to the Czechs occupying the Slovak capital demanding the withdrawal of Czech troops by to-night. The situation at Pressburg as well as in other Slovak cities is believed to be reaching a climax. Numerous serious clashes between Slovaks and Czech troops are reported from provincial towns where so far sixteen persons have been reported killed.

Latest dispatches received here from Pressburg state that armed Hlinka Guards succeeded in ousting the Czech troops from the main Post Office building this afternoon, and that Hlinka Guards are now trying to enter the city.

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The leadership of the Hlinka Guard issued an order that the whole country should be in state of preparedness this afternoon and that any arrest of Hlinka Guards anywhere at all was to be reported immediately. Likewise reports were to be furnished forthwith about offices and positions of authority still administered by Czech soldiery. The military dictatorship set up in Neuschitz has been dropped.

Concerning the events of the last two days it became known this afternoon that in Sillein the Hlinka Guard had assembled in full force. Czech soldiery then arrested the whole body. Throughout Slovakia numerous deputies of the Slovak Diet were arrested.

A somewhat serious incident occurred this morning in front of the main post office in Pressburg which had been occupied by 30 Czech gendarmes. Thousands of people gathered outside the building, demanding the removal of the Czech gendarmes and trying to break into the building to disarm the Czechs.

The situation for the Czechs seemed so threatening that they fired a few shots to scare the crowd. Officers of the Hlinka Guard then intervened, pacified the crowd, occupied the building and removed Czech gendarmes by the back door.—*Trans-Ocean.*

NEW CABINET

Prague, Mar. 11. The German minority in Slovakia was alleged in some quarters in Prague to be showing a tendency to encourage the Slovak extremists. Berlin, however, did not appear at first to be giving any encouragement to the radical elements, as the Ministers who have been dismissed, was reported to have been a failure.

Dr. Tiso, and other Slovak Ministers, are confined to their houses under police supervision, and the arrest of other extremist leaders is confirmed.—*Reuter.*

Tiso in Convent

Bratislava, Mar. 11. Dr. Tiso is in the Jesuit convent, and although not actually under arrest, is closely guarded. It is stated that no proceedings will be taken against Dr. Tiso.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Attack On Prague

Vienna, Mar. 11. Dr. Durensky to-day renewed his radio attack against the Prague Government. He declared that Prague's action in dismissing the Tiso Cabinet was illegal because the Cabinet could only be dismissed if the Slovak Diet were to adopt a motion of no confidence. The Tiso Cabinet, therefore, was entitled to carry on.

Dr. Durensky sharply criticised the house detention of the Hlinka guard leader, General Tuka, and the Chief of the Slovak propaganda service, M. Mach.—*Reuter.*

Slovak Declines

Prague, Mar. 11. M. Sidor yesterday informed the Central Government in Prague that he does not wish to be Prime Minister. He is now in Rome for the coronation of the Pope.

M. Sokol, President of the Diet, arrived by air and expressed confidence that the crisis will soon be settled, perhaps by to-night. Later M. Sokol saw President Emil Hacha. Official quarters deny that German made demands. It is thought that the crisis may lead to some reconstruction of the Prague Government.—*Reuter.*

New Government

Prague, Mar. 11. President Emil Hacha has appointed a new Slovak Cabinet with M. Carol Sidor as Prime Minister. M. Sidor, a Slovak, was formerly Vice-Premier of the Central Government. The Minister of the Interior is Dr. Martin Sokol, hitherto President of the Diet.—*Continued on Page 4.*

Italian Exiles Undergo Terrible Hardship

Monte Carlo, Mar. 11. Thousands of Jews forcibly expelled from Italy are wandering about in the snow on the Alpine passes above Nice and Mentone. Two hundred arrived in Mentone last night in a state of exhaustion, while thousands are reported to be in sight of France, some nearly dead with hunger.

The French authorities accepted those who were obviously sick and exhausted, the others being sent back.—*United Press.*

POPE PIUS XII IS CROWNED

Ceremony Watched By Big Crowd

Vatican City, Mar. 12. Pope Pius XII was crowned on the balcony of St. Peter's a few minutes after noon.

The ceremony was preceded by the Pope's solemn entry to St. Peter's for Pontifical High Mass. Tremendous cheering greeted His Holiness, who was clothed in gleaming white vestments with a white mitre studded with precious stones, and borne on the sedia gestatoria from the Gregorian Chapel to the High Altar. With his hand continually upraised in blessing, the Pope smiled at the crowd. He passed up the church.

Following ancient tradition three hosts were prepared instead of the usual one. Silver trumpets sounded as the Pontiff performed the act of consecration. Cheers were renewed at the conclusion of the Mass as the Pope was borne down the nave, but popular acclamation reached the zenith as a fanfare of trumpets heralded the Pope's appearance on the balcony.

Two short prayers were recited, after which the Senior Cardinal and Deacon placed the crown on the Pontiff's head with the words, "Receive this tiara adorned with three crowns and know Thou art the Father of Princes and Kings, Pastor of the world and Vicar on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom are owed honour and glory throughout all the ages."

After another outburst of cheering the Pope gave the Papal absolution and Apostolic benediction and then left the balcony.

The actual crowning ceremony lasted only seven minutes.—*Reuter.*

CHINA'S DELEGATE

Chungking, Mar. 11. Dr. Wellington Koo, China's Ambassador to France, has been designated as China's special envoy to the Coronation of Pope Pius XII.—*Central News.*

FIRST LENT SERMON

Rome, Mar. 11. The Pope attended to-day the first Lent sermon. Later His Holiness received in private audience Cardinals Donati Sbarretti, Dennis Dougherty and Isidore Thomas, Archbishop of Toledo, also the French, Argentine, Swiss, Bolivian and Liberian delegations awaiting the Pope's coronation. The Masses were celebrated at the Vatican Grottoes, near the tomb of the late Pope Pius XI, observing the thirty days since his death.—*United Press.*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Vatican City, Mar. 11. The Pope has appointed Cardinal Luigi Maglione as Secretary of State. Cardinal Maglione, who is one of the most distinguished diplomats of the Vatican, was born at Casoria in 1877. He was appointed Nunzio in Paris in 1926 and was created Cardinal in 1935.—*Trans-Ocean.*

TWENTIETH CONCILIIUM

Vatican City, Mar. 11. The Concillium planned by Pope Pius XII which will be the twentieth held by the Church, will exceed all previous in magnificence and importance. Among the tasks of the new Concillium will be the proclamation of the Dogma of the Ascension of the Virgin Mary and the Canonization of Christopher Columbus.

The Catholic Church has hitherto recognized the Ascension of the Virgin Mary as tradition but not as dogma.

The canonization of Christopher Columbus cannot be carried out in the usual way, since Columbus lived too long ago and his miracles cannot be attested. But the Concillium can canonize him as first Apostle of the Christian Faith in the New World.

The Concillium will not take place before 1940, since many preparations are necessary.—*Trans-Ocean.*



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THE TEAMS

5th A.A. "A".—Sgt. Page; Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Easterbook; Gnr.

An exciting finish in one of the girls' races at the Central British School's annual athletic meeting held on Saturday afternoon. The weather was dismal, but nevertheless the boys and girls all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

(By "Abe")

EASTERN TAKE LEAD

Teams:
Eastern.—Lou Hin-hon; B. Y. Zee;
Tsang Chung-wan; Lai Shi-tsoi, Hsu
King-shing, Lo Wal-kuen; Chan
Kee, Wai Ching-sang and Lu Hing-ming
St. Joseph's.—Hussain; Marcal
Bowen; Souza, Leonard, Pereira
Rocha, Castilho, Ward, Elms and
Sprinkle.

London, Feb. 16.

London, Mar. 11

WEEK-END FOOTBALL RESULTS

SENIOR SHIELD SEMI-FINAL

SECOND DIVISION

Police	1 Kowloon	0
R.A.O.C.	0 5th Bde, R.A.	4
*Club	- Middlesex	-
*R. Scots	- South China	-

THIRD DIVISION "A"

Club	.....	19	4	1	14	52	55	9
St. Joseph's		17	2	3	12	29	53	7

SECOND DIVISION

Middlesex	..	20	18	1	3	81	30
China	10	15	2	2	54	22

R. Scots	....	20	15	1	4	72	19	31
5th Bde. R.A.	....	10	14	3	2	50	20	31
Kwang Wah	....	10	11	0	8	54	53	22
R. Engineers	....	17	8	0	9	54	47	10
R.A.O.C.	....	19	7	2	10	53	60	16
Kowloon	....	21	7	0	14	34	53	14
St. Joseph's	....	17	8	0	11	33	29	12
Police	.....	20	5	2	13	26	71	12
Eastern	.....	16	0	4	12	19	71	4
Club	.....	19	1	1	17	14	75	8

LEAGUE SOFTBALL MATCHES

Last week, the Midgets beat the Chinese Baseball Club, the other team in the tie, by 12-6, and next week, the Club de Recreolo will meet the Chinese B.C. in the final play-off. A win for the latter in this game will again deadlock the positions.

The scores yesterday were:

If the H.K.F.A. gives the necessary permission for the tour, the Eastern team will leave the Colony on March 28, and will be away for approximately three weeks.

It is also possible that Eastern will make a trip to Macao in the near future to play the Portuguese colony.

London Feb. 22.

When Cambridge opened the score three minutes from the start and scored again 10 minutes later it looked as if the prophets were to be confounded but Oxford rallied and scored from a short corner. Just before the interval the Dark Blues' right wing went away from what appeared to be an offside position and equalised.

Cambridge rather luckily went ahead early in the second half and, although Oxford pressed strongly, they managed to hold on to their slender lead. For this they owed much to the inspired goalkeeping of C. L. Hawson.

THE GOLF MATCH

A few weeks ago it was generally agreed that the University golf contest, to be played at Sandwich next month, would be merely a matter of by how many matches Cambridge would win.

The Dark Blues, however,

showing more encouraging form at the right time and gained their second success since the season opened by defeating Royal Mid-Surrey by 9 matches to 8, with one halved.

Draughts Player Sues The Referee

World draughts champion, Mr. Robert Stewart, in Airdrie Sheriff Court, recently sued the referee chosen for a title match that was never played.

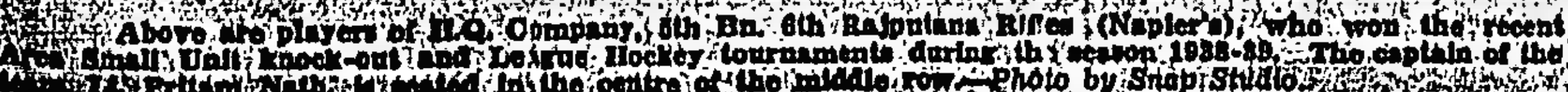
Mr. Stewart, who lives at Blairadam, Elfe, claimed £25 from Mr. Adam Smith, of Conbridge, the referee. He said he accepted a challenge by Mr. Samuel Levy, of Manchester, for the world title.

The match arranged at Dumfries was postponed because of Mr. Stewart's illness and the action arose because of Mr. Smith's alleged payment to Mr. Levy of £25 which, Mr. Stewart declared, was handed over as a forfeit and should not have been paid without his consent.

The sheriff added that the case was complicated because Mr. Levy, h's manager, and ex-Ballie Foley, of Dumfries, who was at the scene of the proposed match, were dead.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

London, Mar. 11.
In the English National Cross-country Championship, which was run to-day at Worsley, Lancashire, Jack Holden, of Tipton, retained his title, running the ten miles in 63 m.45 secs. 32 seconds. A. Tyrer, of Sutton Harriers, was second, in 63 m.42 secs., and A. Reeve, of Slough, was third in 63 m.55 secs. The team championship was won by the Belgrave Harriers, with 122 points. Brixfield were second with 134, and Micham (holders) were third with 165.—Rexter.



NANCY



Seven More Ladies Chosen For Interport THIRD TRIAL HELD AT KING'S PARK YESTERDAY

(By "The Pillar")

The Third Ladies' Interport hockey trial took place at King's Park yesterday morning when the Probable Interport XI defeated the Club de Recreio Ladies by three goals to nil.

Four quarters of 15 minutes' play each were played, with changes made after every quarter. After the heavy rain during the previous evening, the ground was slippery, making it very difficult for good ball control. Nevertheless play was interesting throughout.

Out of ten forwards on view, seven were definitely chosen after the game. They are as follows: Mrs. Burnett (right wing), Miss B. Harker (inside right), Mrs. Read (centre forward), Mrs. Dalziel (inside left), Miss M. Westcott (left wing), Miss M. Booker (inside right) and Miss J. Greig (centre forward). Though no goals were scored in the first quarter, play was the best and most interesting. The forward line of Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Westcott played well and did most of the attacking. The Harker-Burnett combination made an ideal right flank partnership and so did Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Westcott on the left. Mrs. Read was not too brilliant a leader but she was always a trier.

Mrs. Ackroyd was seen in place of Mrs. Dalziel at inside left and Miss J. Greig relieved Mrs. Burnett on the right wing. These were the only changes made in the attack in the second quarter. The Interports scoring through Mrs. Read off a nice opening made by Miss Harker. Mrs. Ackroyd, however, failed to combine effectively with Miss Westcott. Her fault was that she did not realize she was an inside left and not an inside right, but she had been asked to undertake a job for which she had had little previous practice or



Mrs. Burnett chosen after yesterday's trial.

experience. Miss Greig on the wing displayed great speed, if nothing else.

THIRD QUARTER

Further changes were made in the attack and defence in the third quarter. Mrs. Wilmot was seen at left back in place of Miss A. Fowler; Miss Greaves in the place of Miss H. Reid at left half; Miss J. Ewing in place of Miss Greig on the right wing; and Miss Greig went to centre forward in place of Mrs. Read. There was no score; the forwards did not impress and one saw very little combined play.

Miss Buchanan was introduced at inside left and Miss M. Booker at inside right in the fourth quarter. Goals were scored by Miss Greig after Miss Barros had made a partial clearance and Miss Westcott added the third. Miss Ewing and Miss Booker were seen in some nice breakaways, the former on many occasions putting in some nice centres. Miss Westcott played a lone game on the left wing, receiving very poor support from Miss Buchanan.

Full credit, however, goes to the Recreio ladies for the splendid fight they put up against a strong and vigorous Interport defence. Miss O. Botelho and Mrs. Silva were hard-working defenders who repeatedly held up the Colony forwards. Miss P. Goncalves, the pivot, also did splendid work. Miss C. Silva led her attack well but was too closely checked by Miss I. Woolley to be of any real danger. It is rather unfortunate this capable leader is unable to make the trip; otherwise I am sure she would have obtained her Interport colours.

SOUND DEFENCE

The Colony defence performed splendidly. They were resolute in their methods of attack and continually held up the Recreio attack.



Miss M. Booker who impressed the selectors.

To-day's Tennis Postponed

Owing to the present state of the ground, to-day's programme of matches in the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong C.C. has been postponed.

Cash Sweep Results At Fanling

Race	No.	Prize
Race 1	No. 19	\$400.00
	No. 43	133.32
	No. 100	66.66
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each):	No. 732	
Race 2	No. 462	\$242.74
	No. 430	155.08
	No. 133	77.54
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each):	No. 637	
Race 3	No. 519	\$111.52
	No. 671	174.72
	No. 69	87.36
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	No. 300	
	230, 140, 732, 73, 405, 80	
Race 4	No. 397	\$307.48
	No. 82	109.26
	No. 109	54.63
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	No. 732	
	243, 274, 701, 770	
Race 5	No. 463	\$302.76
	No. 424	195.50
	No. 434	97.75
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	No. 711	
	433, 220, 138, 210, 331	
Race 6	No. 157	703.01
	No. 817	220.98
	No. 609	110.49
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	No. 801	
	174, 426	

WOMEN'S GOLF

Spring Meeting To Be Held At Fanling

The Spring Meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held at Fanling on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, March 20, 21, and 23. The following competitions will take place.

Monday, March 20

Tombstone Competition, New Course. Hidden prize. Prize kindly presented by Mrs. R. M. Henderson. Cards to be returned by 5.15 p.m.

Driving 1st tee, Relief Course, 11 a.m.-12.15 a.m. and 4 p.m.-5.15 p.m. Approaching Relief Course, 11 a.m.-12.15 a.m. and 4 p.m.-5.15 p.m. Putting Pool. Putting Course open from Monday to Thursday (four days). Cards 20 cents each; any number may be taken out. If there are more than 50 entries, a 2nd prize will be given, and if more than 75 entries, a 3rd, in the proportion of 3-2-1.

Tuesday, March 21

L.G.U. Medal Competitions—Silver Old Course, Scratch and Handicap prizes; Bronze, New Course, Scratch and Handicap prizes. The silver scratch prize has been kindly presented by Lady MacGregor, and the silver handicap prize by Mrs. Lindsell. The bronze scratch prize has been kindly presented by Mrs. Gilmore and the handicap prize by Mrs. Cassidy. Cards to be returned by 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

Borey competition, Old Course. Medal competition, Relief Course. Cards to be returned by 3.45 p.m. The customary photograph will be taken at 4.10 p.m., and the presentation of prizes will be held by Mrs. Lindsell, Captain, immediately after the photograph. Starting times may be booked each day. One card can win only one prize, but competitors may win any number of prizes.

To single out players for special mention, I would name Miss G. White and Miss A. Fowler, the full back, and Mrs. Stone and Miss I. Woolley, amongst the halves. Mrs. Lumsden also gave a good display in goal.

A further game will be played next Sunday morning when the Colony will oppose the Rest.

CLUBS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS

Filipino Club

An amendment to the constitution of the Filipino Club, was passed at the annual general meeting held at the Club House, King's Park, yesterday. As a result an entrance fee of \$2 will be charged new members in the future. Mr. R. Lasala, President of the Club, presided.

Mr. L. R. Idefonso, Hon. Secretary, read the following report: The Accounts for the last eight months show an excess of income over expenditure of \$1,203.00. The total membership as at December 31, 1938, is 98, including two life members. During the period under review, the Committee record with keen regret the demise of Mr. H. Castro, one of the Club's founders and many times its President.

Rizal's Birthday and Commonwealth Day were celebrated with a great success at the Club House. A tea party was given by the Club to the Hon. Sergio Osmena, Vice President of the Philippine Commonwealth and Head of the Delegation to Washington, D.C., on October 19, 1938, which was well attended. A tea party was also held at the Club House on September 4, 1938, at which the tennis and ping pong prizes were distributed.

The Club House is in good condition. There is still a balance of \$1,100 outstanding as loans and \$1,030 in debentures.

The following were the officers elected for the current year: Dr. V. N. Allenza, President; Mr. L. R. Idefonso, Vice-President; Mr. H. A. Paulino, Hon. Secretary; Mr. E. J. Porter, Hon. Treasurer.

Members of the Committee: Messrs. R. J. Manale, R. Basa, A. C. Reyes, R. Lasala, W. V. Field, Mr. M. J. Rull and Mr. A. P. Castro were appointed as the Club's auditors.

Mr. R. Lasala, and Dr. V. N. Allenza were elected honorary life members of the Club.

Chinese R. C.

A satisfactory year of activity was reported at the annual general meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club, held at the Club-house, Causeway Bay, yesterday. Mr. Lau Fook-kei was in the Chair, supported by Mr. Wong Kwok-fang, (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. Lei Ping-fan (Hon. Treasurer). About 40 members were present.

The Club was stated to be in a sound financial position, with a balance of several thousands of dollars in hand. The teams representing the Club won the "A", "B", "C" and Mixed Doubles Divisions of the Tennis League during the year under review. The Colony doubles championship had also been annexed by Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, members of the Club.

It was decided that the whole Club-house be refurbished, and also that some hard courts for tennis be provided, in the coming year.

The following were elected to serve on the Club's Committee this season: Messrs. Wong Kwok-fang, Lee Wai-long, Lau Fook-kei, Ho Ka-lau, Ng Sze-kwong, Chu Chi-wo, Ho Ka-ze, Lu Tak-cheuk, Chan Yin, Lu Tak-lam, U Sze-wing, Szeo Bick, Tsui Tsok-him, Wong Ping-fan and Lei Ping-fan.

Sport Pays A Million To The Treasury Every Year In Tax

London, Feb. 12. The Treasury makes more than a million pounds a year out of sport. If a football star is transferred, it then the Treasury gets its cut. It makes just about £1,000,000 a year out of the entertainment tax on sport.

Take the case of Bryn Jones who was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers to Arsenal for a little matter of £2,000. Wolves are a flourishing club. Whether they transferred Bryn Jones or not, they would make a profit. The money for Bryn just means an extra £14,000 on that profit, so Bryn's transfer doesn't mean that the club is £14,000 better off at all.

Wolves get only £4. 6d. in every £100 for him. The rest goes in income tax. Out of the transfer of Bryn the Chancellor of the Exchequer gets about £4,000.

IT'S CRAZY

Now the crazy thing is this: Although the Treasury get £4,000 out of the transfer of Bryn Jones from Wolverhampton, they might get nothing at all if a super Bryn Jones was transferred for £15,000 from a struggling Third Division club losing £15,000 on the season—not that any club can afford to lose £15,000 on any season.

You see, transfers are not taxable as such, writes Thomas Woodroffe. They are included in the club's receipts for the season, and if the club is not making a profit then the transfer is not taxed.

But no club can get away without paying the tax by saying, "We were breaking even." £2,000, so let's spend the £5,000 on ground improvements."

NOT ALL REPAIRS

Money spent on ground improvements is taxed, but not money spent on repairs or maintenance. If a club spends, say £5,000 on improving and repairing a stand they cannot say that £5,000 was spent on repairs. The matter would have to be agreed with the local income-tax inspector, who might say, "All right we'll put down £1,000 for repairs, the other £4,000 for improvements. You'll have to pay full tax on the £4,000."

Thus you get the crazy position of Wolves selling a player for £2,000, £27,000, £24,000 or £29,000—or what have you—and being in pocket less than three-quarters of

the amount of the transfer, and a small club selling a player for £5,000 and pocketing the whole of the amount.

If Major Buckley of the Wolves asks £10,000 for a player and gets it, his club is £7,250 better off. If a struggling Third Division club asks £5,000 for a player worth half the £10,000 man's value, the profit is £5,000—more than half Major Buckley's profit.

£450,000 FROM SOCCER

Then there is this matter of entertainment tax. Altogether sport through this tax pays about £1,000,000 a year to a grateful Chancellor of the Exchequer. Nearly half a million—£450,000 to be precise—comes from football—Soccer, Rugby, Rugby League.

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Out of the Cup Final gate of £24,000 Wembley has to pay nearly £5,000 in entertainment tax.

LACROSSE RESULTS

London, Mar. 11. The following were the results of women's international lacrosse matches played to-day: England 12 Scotland 2 (at Glasgow); Ireland 0 Wales 2 (at Dublin). —Reuter.

WALES' ELEVEN

London, Mar. 11. The following will represent Wales in an international football match against Ireland on Wednesday, March 15: John (Swansea) or Poland (Wrexham); Turner (Charlton); Hughes (Birmingham); Green (Charlton); P. Jones (Everton); Denison (Birmingham); Hopins (Brentford); L. Jones (Arsenal); Glover (Glimby); B. Jones (Arsenal); Cumber (Arsenal). —Reuter.

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By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary

Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

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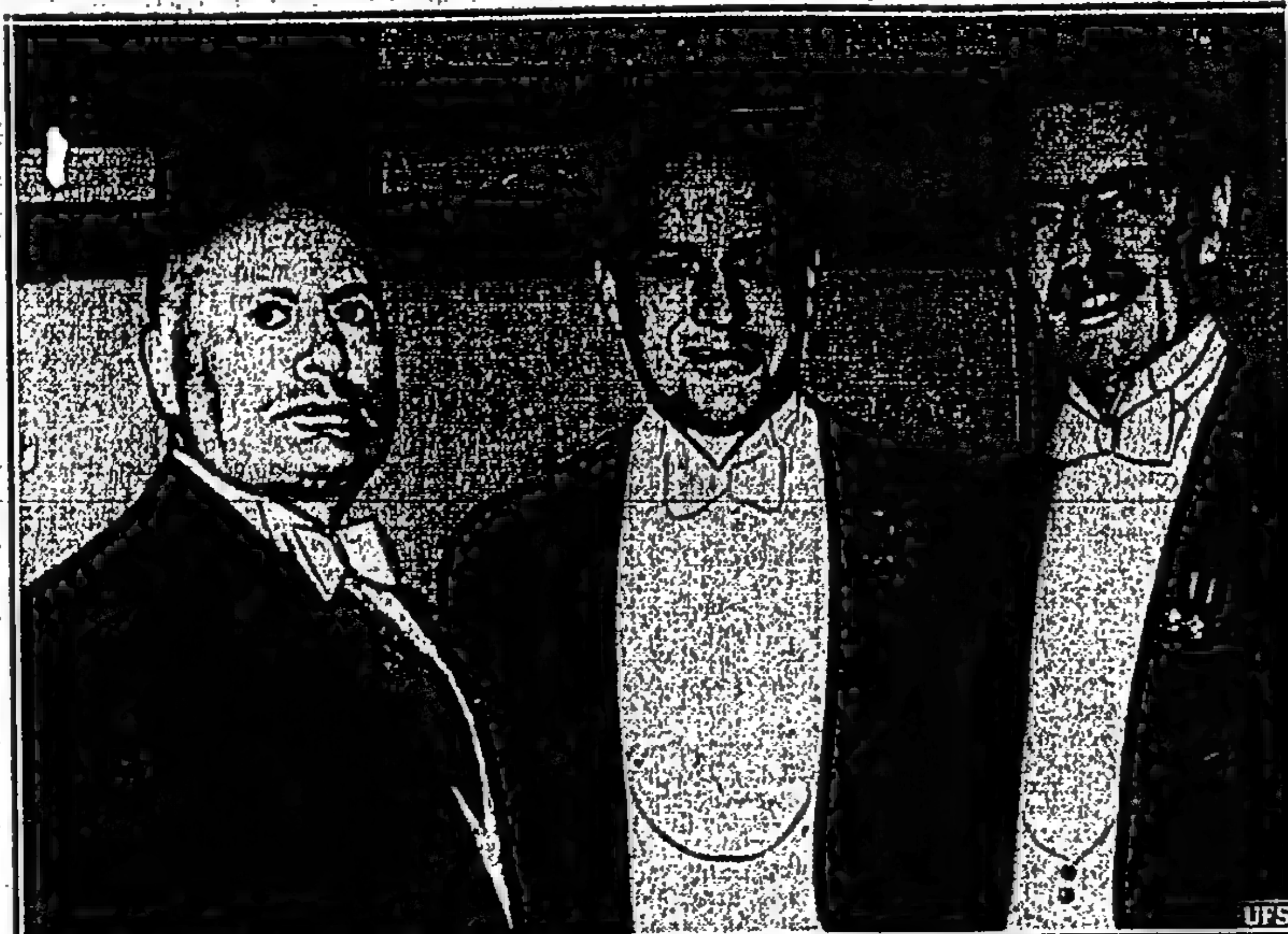
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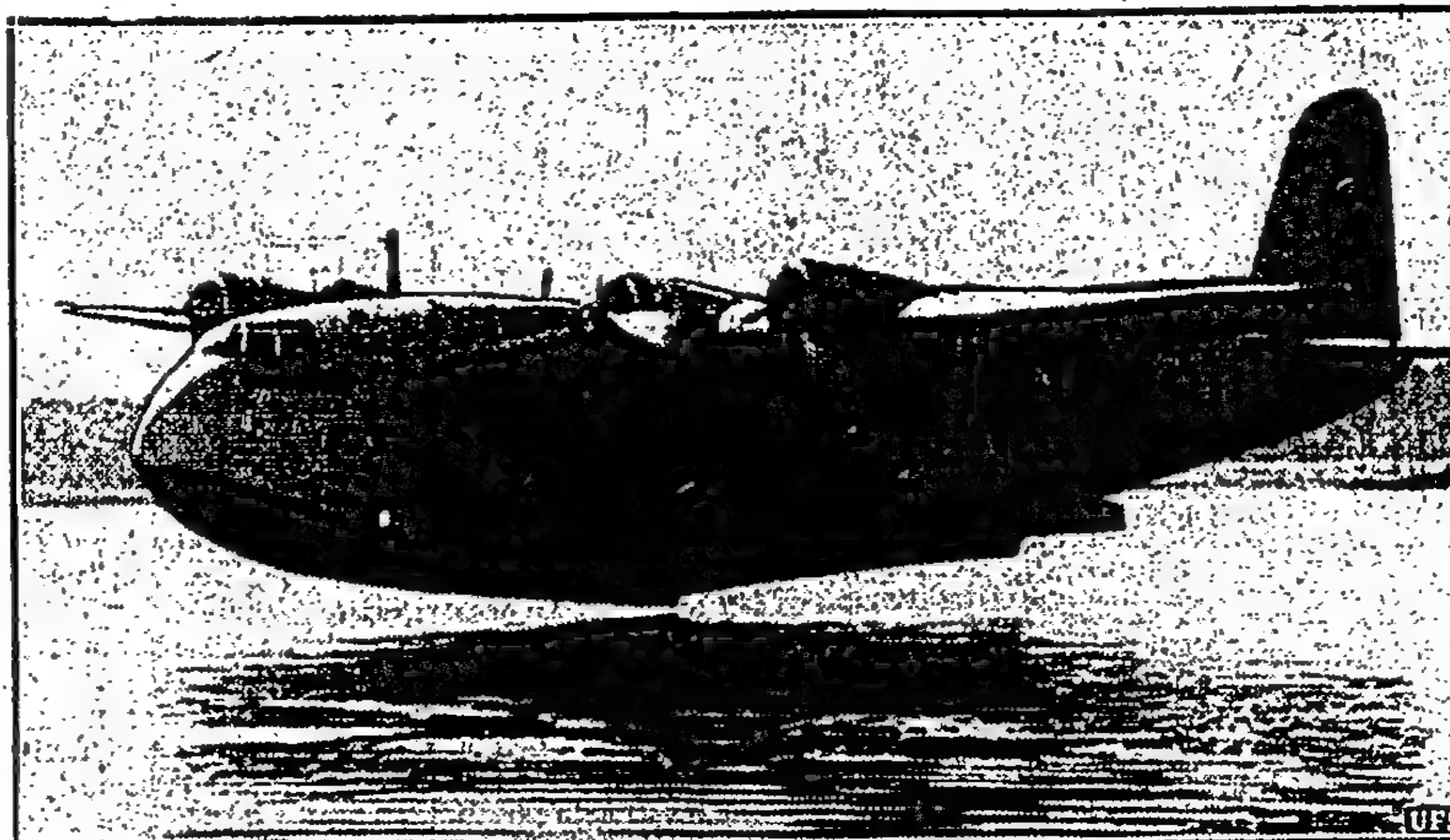
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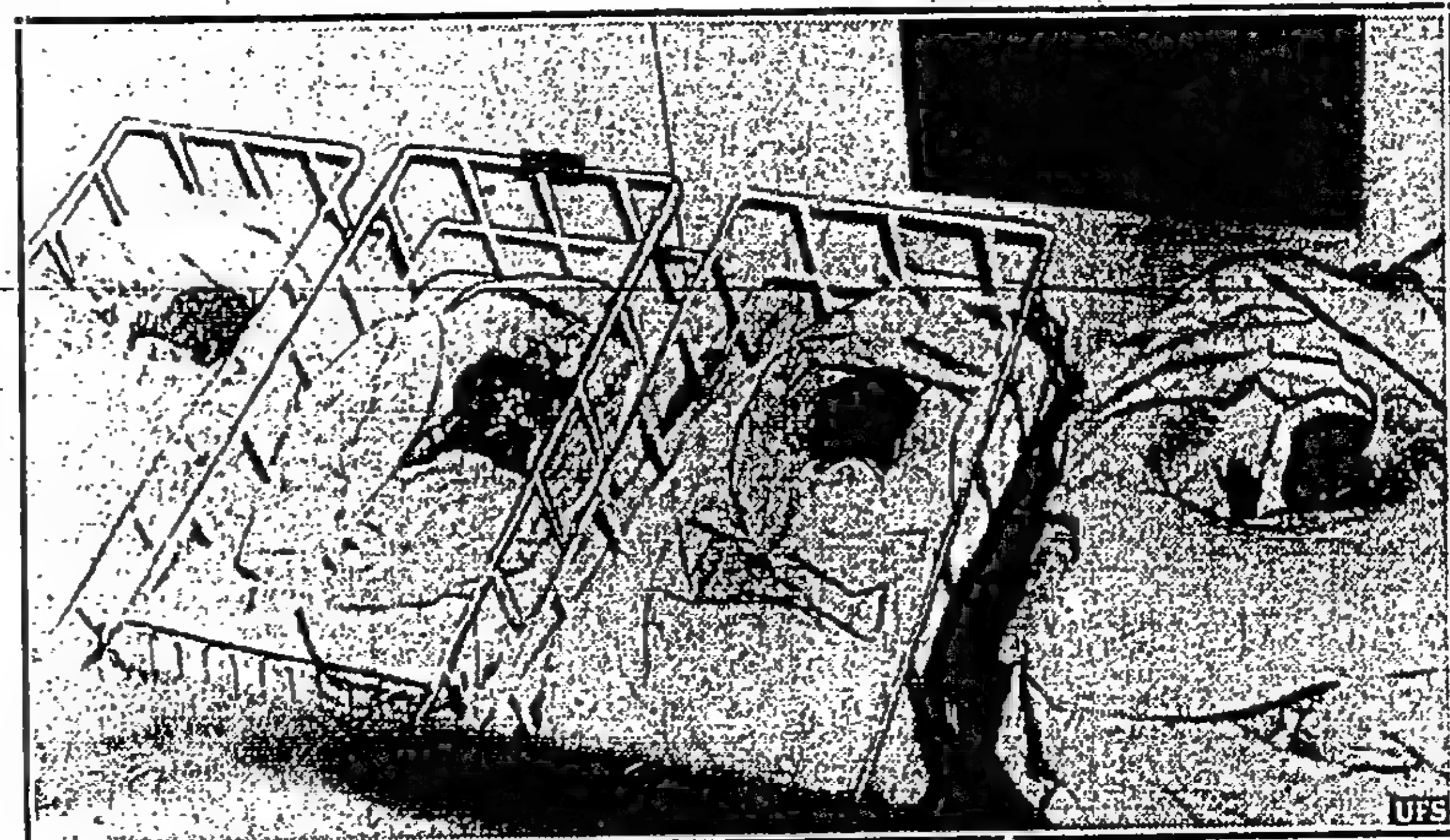
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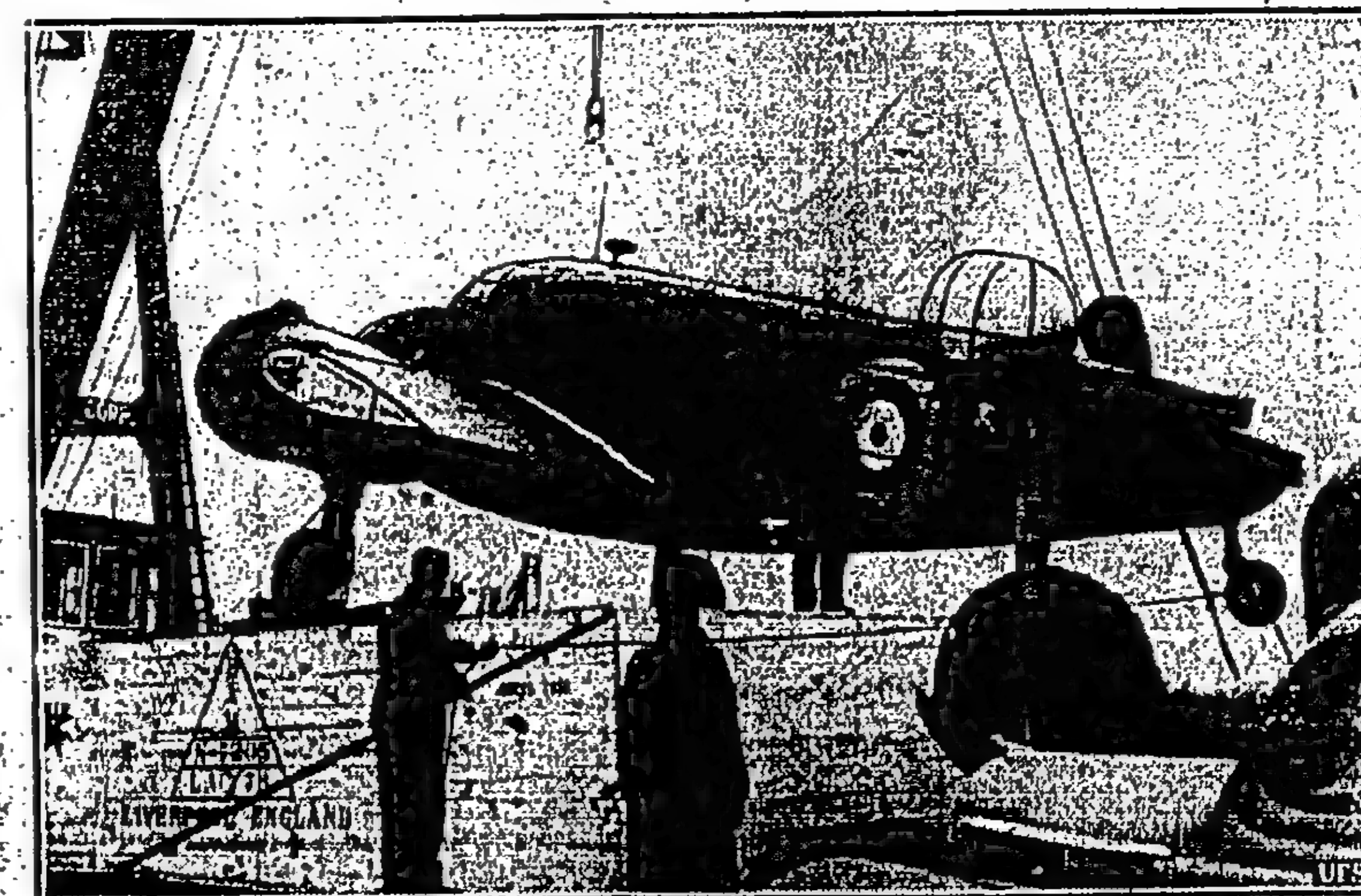
British Prime Minister Chamberlain was feted, cheered and dined in Rome, on his recent visit to Frontier Mussolini, but no international problems were settled. Above, the Prime Minister is at right, at a reception given in his honour. Mussolini is at left, with Italian Foreign Minister Ciano, centre.



Here is the 21-ton flying boat Cavaller, of the Imperial Airways, that crashed down on the Atlantic and was swallowed in 10 minutes, while en route from New York to Bermuda. Ice in the carburettors was believed to have made the ship drop to the ocean.



Papa W. E. Badgett, 25, of Galveston, Texas, was a little stunned but happy, when his wife presented him with quadruplet daughters. The babies were named Joyce, Jeannette, Joan and Geraldine.



First of 250 Lockheed bombers scheduled for British air service is loaded on a barge at Floyd Bennett Field, New York, for transfer to a British ship. President Roosevelt recently said it was necessary to sell planes to France and Britain.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA, Hongkong, 11th March, 1939.

FLAG DAY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children held a most successful Flag Day on Saturday morning. Deposits were established at the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, and at the Urban Council Chamber, Post Office Building, Hongkong.

On Friday night Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier broadcast an appeal to the public for their generous support of this most worthy cause.

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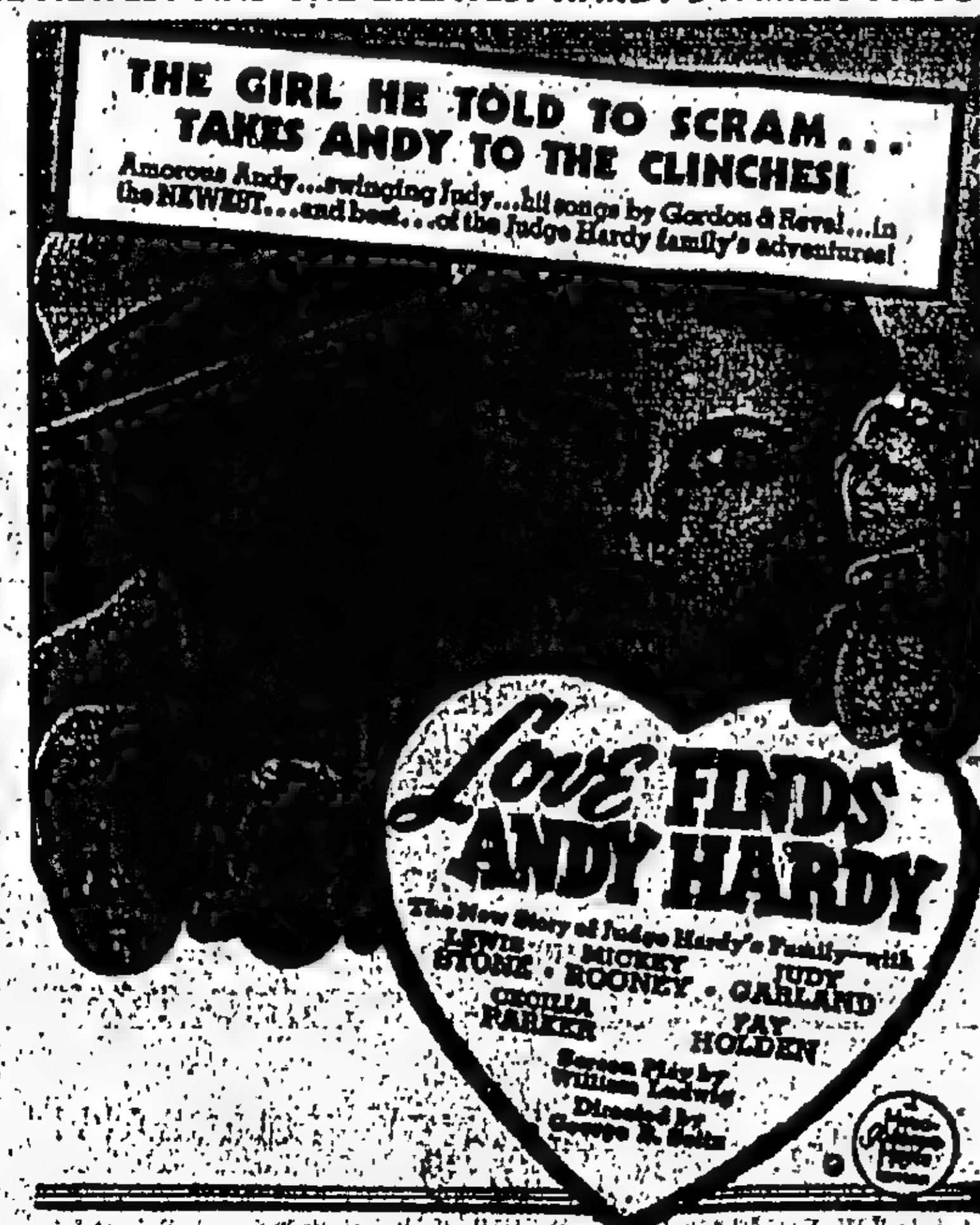
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Mr. Harden is revisiting Hongkong, 41 years after he lodged a cablegram in this Colony telling the first story of Admiral Dewey's victory in Manila Bay.

Accompanied by Mrs. Hayden, the veteran correspondent is making an air trip around the world, duplicating at a faster pace a journey he made in 1898.

SAW BATTLE

Mr. Harden was aboard one of Dewey's ships during the Battle of Manila Bay and his 50-word message to the New York "World" and the Chicago "Tribune" was the first authentic account of the battle to reach the United States, six days after the battle. But his message arrived six hours ahead of Admiral Dewey's.

EXPENSIVE CABLE

The cables between Manila and Hongkong were cut before the battle began, on Sunday, May 1, 1898. After the battle, Admiral Dewey despatched a ship to Hongkong with his message. Correspondent Harden was aboard that ship.

Arriving at Hongkong, the young newspaperman wrote a brief account of the battle and marked it "urgent." At that time the rate was \$33 a word—three times the ordinary rate. Admiral Dewey sent what is known as a "repeat" message, for greater accuracy, and as a result Harden's message reached the States ahead of the admiral's.

The New York "World" and other newspapers within the syndicate for which Harden was working had the news of the American victory on Saturday morning, May 7.

MADRID RUMOUR

Before the cables were cut, the Spanish forces in Manila had sent a message to Madrid saying that there had been a battle in which several American ships were destroyed. As a matter of fact, Dewey lost no ship. Harden's despatch was the first authentic account of the battle to reach the outside world.

Mr. Harden has kept his early connection with the Philippines by membership in the Manila Day Club and the Order of the Carabao. He was in the Philippines six months in 1898.

The Hardens arrived in Hongkong by Clipper on Friday, and from here will proceed by plane to Bangkok, Calcutta, Alexandria, Athens, Rome, Paris and London. On their return to New York about May 1, Mr. and Mrs. Harden will visit the New York World's Fair.

Mr. Harden is senior partner of the firm of Baker, Weeks and Harden, members of the New York Stock Exchange, and a director of the Radio Corporation of America and the National Broadcasting Company.

MADRID QUIET

Communist Leaders Surrender To Miaja

MADRID, Mar. 12. THE CAPITAL is now considered to be free of Communist influence.

The leaders are stated to have surrendered unconditionally.

A Paris message says that Madrid is starting to live normally again, and tramway workers are replacing overhead wires.

The inhabitants in the Chamartin district, where the Communists made their last stand, are now returning to their homes.

Shops are re-opening on Monday, and municipal workers are already at their posts.—Reuter.

STRONGHOLDS SURRENDER

At 9 o'clock to-night, General Casado issued a statement, saying that the "last of the rebel strongholds had surrendered unconditionally."

The statement was issued after the Council for Defence had met in session from 8 p.m. to 3 p.m., and it added that "the situation was excellent after the total liquidation of the revolters."

It appeared, however, that the Communists were still entrenched in scattered sections, especially at El Retiro Park and other outlying districts.

General Casado's forces stormed and seized the El Pardo Palace, in which was imprisoned 3,000 prisoners, including the civil Governor in dusty dungeons.—United Press.

George V Goes To Last Resting Place

LONDON, Mar. 12. THE KING AND QUEEN, with Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family went to St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle to-day for the dedication of the tomb of George V.

Canon Deane conducted the brief ceremony.

The service consisted of prayers written especially for the occasion, the whole proceedings lasting only a quarter of an hour, after which the Royal Family inspected the tomb.

An official statement afterwards said: "The coffin of King George V was removed from the royal vault and placed in a tomb in the second westernmost bay on the north side of the nave."

"The figure of King George is shown in white marble, wearing an Admiral's uniform and... the Garter robes."—Reuter.

Chungking-Hanoi Air Service

Chungking, Mar. 13. The Chungking-Hanoi air service operated by the C.N.A.C. will be inaugurated to-morrow, a trial flight by a Douglas plane on March 8 having proved satisfactory.

Planes flying between Chungking and Hanoi will stop over at Kunming.—Central News.

The P. & O. liner Corfu left Singapore on Saturday and is due here on Wednesday at about 2 p.m.

CORONATION CEREMONY

Half-Million People Pack St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 12.

OVER HALF A MILLION people were packed in St. Peter's Square, and down the new half a mile road reaching almost to the River Tiber, when Pope Pius XII was crowned supreme Pontiff on the outside balcony of St. Peter's at midday to-day.

It was first time since 1846 that the Pope had been crowned in public. Millions of the faithful all over the world listened to a description of the ceremonies broadcast in seven languages.

The ceremonies connected with the coronation began at 8 a.m., and were conducted with the solemn splendour of centuries-old tradition. Diplomats and princes from all parts of the world were among the worshippers who picked the great Basilica to capacity during high mass.—Reuter.

THANKS TO LIN SEN

CHUNGKING, Mar. 12. Pope Pius XII has cabled his thanks to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, for his congratulatory message on the election of His Holiness to the Papacy.—Central News.

Defence Talks In N. Zealand Empire Delegates To Gather

LONDON, Mar. 12. THE DOMINIONS OFFICE states that "as a result of a suggestion put forward about the middle of last year by the Government of New Zealand, which has since been under discussion between the governments concerned, arrangements have now been completed for a meeting in New Zealand in the near future of a conference between representatives of the governments of New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom, to consider Pacific questions of common concern, with special reference to defence questions."

"The United Kingdom representatives will be the High Commissioner in New Zealand for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and representatives of the defence services."—Reuter.

Frankfurt-on-Main, Mar. 12. Al Delaney, Canadian heavyweight, was beaten on points by Walter Neusel, German heavyweight champion, in a 10-round bout.

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Indian Congress Supports Gandhi

15 Die In Fire In Hokkaido

Triputi, Mar. 12. The plenary session of Congress to-day passed a resolution expressing confidence in Gandhi by an overwhelming majority and amid shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi Jai" (Victory for Gandhi).

The session also passed a resolution for self-determination after rejecting an amendment suggesting a six months' ultimatum to the British Government.

The three-day plenary session of the National Congress concluded after passing resolutions disapproving and dissociating itself from the British foreign policy, which consistently aided Fascist Powers, and expressed anxiety regarding the "rapidly deteriorating position of Indian overseas, especially in the Empire."—Reuter.

Fifteen persons, including 7 children were burnt to death when a fire broke out in a dry goods store at Matsukazecho, Hokkaido City Saturday night.

Six houses were destroyed and one other was partially destroyed before the fire was put under control. A strong gale hampered the efforts of fire-fighters.—Domet.

determination for India, voiced admiration for the courage and determination of the Arabs in Palestine, and expressed anxiety regarding the "rapidly deteriorating position of Indian overseas, especially in the Empire."—Reuter.

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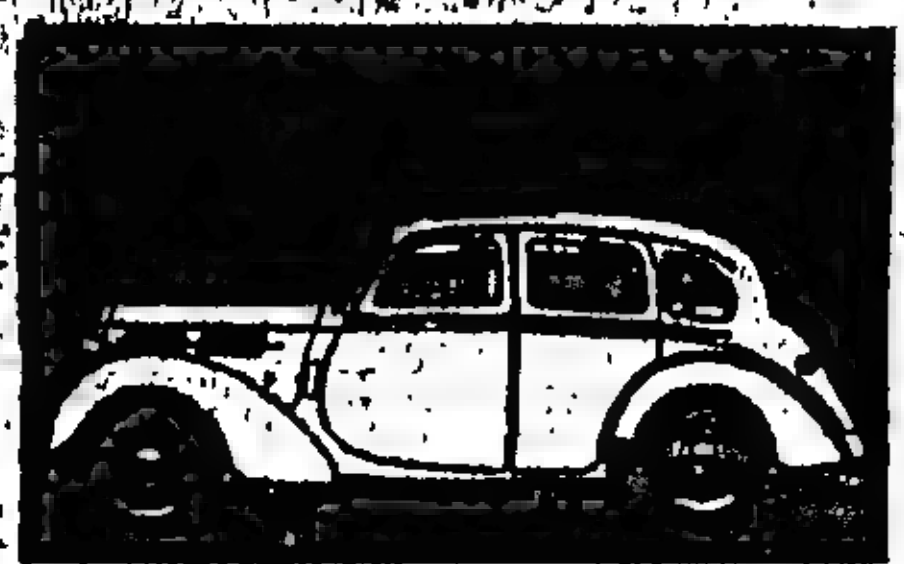
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RECORD "CHINA INCIDENT" BUDGET APPROVED BY DIET

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TOKYO, Mar. 12.

JAPAN'S BUDGET for 1939-40 amounts to 10,410,000,000 yen.

It includes the ordinary Budget at 3,694,000,000 yen, and extraordinary Military Budget for the China Incident of 4,605,000,000 yen, and a supplementary Budget for the Navy and War Ministries of 910,000,000 yen.—*Reuter*.

DIET APPROVES BUDGETS

TOKYO, Mar. 13.

The extraordinary military budget amounting to Yen 4,605,000,000 designed to finance the military operations in connection with the China Incident from February, 1939, to January, 1940, which was approved by the House of Representatives on Thursday last, was passed by the House of Peers this morning.

Supporting the budget, Mr. Tongo Tabe (Doseikai) said that adjustment of internal administration formed a prerequisite for the execution of the plan for prolonged reconstruction.

"SPIRIT MUST BE ENHANCED"

In order to attain this object, Mr. Tabe pointed out, the spirit underlying Japan's national polity must be enhanced. "The basis for an expedition abroad lies in internal politics and civil affairs must not be neglected for the accomplishment of military affairs," Mr. Tabe continued.

Urging the Government to effect internal reform on the basis of national spirit, Mr. Tabe declared that it was a wise decision that the present Cabinet has appointed Prince Konoye, President of the Privy Council, to attend the Cabinet Council as Minister without Portfolio.

"I hereby support the present budget placing confidence in the Cabinet," the representative of the Doseikai declared in conclusion. Also according to the budget bill on behalf of the Koseikai, Baron Michitomo Iwakura said that measures to enrich the Empire and strengthen her defence consisted in the completion of a national unity on which all sections of the nation would elect close co-operation.—*Domei*.

Colony's Water Supply Down Drought Empties The Reservoirs

THE SCARCITY of water reserves in Hongkong is vividly shown in the water returns for February when there was only 904 million gallons compared to 1,200 million in reservoirs on the island a year ago.

On the mainland the position is much worse, returns showing a drop of from 1,378 million gallons compared to 2,259 million in 1938. This is a drop of 880,000 gallons.

During the period under review consumption actually fell from 37.8 gallons per head per day in 1938 to 21.1 gallons this February.

Last month there was only 60,000 gallons of water in Tiam bywash compared to 2.3 million gallons in 1938.

INCH OF RAIN DURING WEEK-END

An inch of welcome rain fell during the week-end, a quarter of an inch being recorded during the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning, bringing the year's aggregate to 2.72 inches, which is just about an inch below average.

The weather report indicates a continuance of cloudy weather, accompanied by fresh east winds.

Mr. F. E. Pearce has been appointed a Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson.

H.K. MAN DOOMED BY DOCTORS

But Hiked Way Back To Health

DOOMED BY DOCTORS five years ago, told he had a few months to live, Sergeant Jack Scott, stationed in Hongkong in 1930 with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has hiked his way back to health.

He has just finished walking 31,000 miles across three continents. Wearing kilts, socks, tam-o-shanter, he looked hale and hearty on the completion of his North American walking tour recently.

He is crossing Canada with the intention of embarking on the east coast to return home by way of the Atlantic.

When he left London in October, 1933, for Cape Town he could walk only a short distance without stopping to rest his gasped lungs and blistered feet.

Now he walks about 20 miles a day with a 60lb. pack on his back, his lungs "in fine shape."

On Scott's first journey he hiked through France and Italy, crossed to Malta and Tripoli, then on to Cape Town.

He earns his way by lecturing and writing articles.

Indian Congress Supports Gandhi

Tripluri, Mar. 12. The plenary session of Congress today passed a resolution expressing confidence in Gandhi by an overwhelming majority and amid shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi Jai" (Victory for Gandhi).

The session also passed a resolution for self-determination after rejecting an amendment suggesting a six months' ultimatum to the British Government.

The three-day plenary session of the National Congress concluded after passing resolutions disapproving and dissociating itself from the British foreign policy, "which consistently aided Fascist Powers."

Other resolutions expressed confidence in Gandhi, demanded self-determination for India, voiced admiration for the courage and determination of the Arabs in Palestine, and expressed anxiety regarding the "rapidly deteriorating position of Indians overseas, especially in the Empire."—*Reuter*.

Game In Back Yard

Wewoka, Okla. A game preserve in his own back yard is the culmination of an idea James K. Mulkey, Wewoka, real estate man, has had for years. The preserve is located at the Hagen lake south of Wewoka and occupies about one and one-half acres. Mulkey has collected numerous species of fish and frogs, wild geese, quail and pheasants.



A.R.P. EXHIBITION WAS SUCCESS

Over 15,000 Hongkong residents visited the recent A.R.P. Exhibition at the Peninsula Hotel. It is thought that another exhibition of a similar kind will be held shortly.

Mass Murder At Loyang Japanese Bombers On New Excursions

LOYANG, Mar. 13. After a mid-week respite, wanton massacre from the air was once again resumed by the Japanese air force yesterday morning when sixteen planes, in two groups of seven and nine, bombed Loyang.

The Japanese airmen chose as their target crowded residential sections of the city, where they dumped at least eighty missiles, causing the death of over forty civilians. About a score others received wounds.

More than 400 houses were demolished by the incendiary bombs. Due to the timely warning given by the air defence authorities, the houses were quickly evacuated before the arrival of the raiders, which accounted for the relative small number of casualties in proportion to the houses destroyed.

MANY BURIED ALIVE

First aid corps were immediately on the bombed places giving medical relief to the victims. Good excavation work was done and a number of people buried alive under the debris of wrecked houses were dragged out and sent to hospitals for treatment.

A message from Tungkwai reports that a number of small villages in Shensi, including Wangkiachuan, Fuminshun, Shingimshun, Wangkialing and Shanyang, were also bombed by the Japanese air force yesterday. Thirty-six machines were seen to pass by Tungkwai in the morning heading westward along the Yellow River.—*Central News*.

KWANGTUNG RAID

LINHSIEN, Mar. 12. Thirty civilian casualties were caused by the Japanese air raid over Chang On, on the west bank of the North River in Kwangtung, about 15 and half miles north of Samshui. Over 20 bombs were dumped on the village.—*Central News*.

"Poor Relief" For Mrs. Tommy Atkins

"Officers' wives get pudding and pie. Nothing at all except parish relief. At least this is the allegation of the Derby Public Assistance Committee, who are protesting to the War Office against paying relief to the wives and families of serving soldiers. The Committee feel it is the responsibility of the Army authorities and not the local authorities."

The Association of Municipal Corporations is to be requested to urge the Government to amend the rules denying marriage allowance to soldiers who marry under 21.

PALESTINE WARFARE

45 Die In Outbreak In Trans-Jordan

HAIFA, Mar. 12. AT NEAST 40 Arabs were killed and wounded in yesterday's action which was the first major engagement in Trans-Jordan.

On the Government side, the casualties included one British officer killed, one seriously wounded, and four members of the Arab Legion killed.

Fighting began in the hills, eight miles east of the River Jordan, and south of the Iraq pipe-line, near Zemel.

Over 15 air force bombers and fighters co-operated with the Trans-Jordan frontier force and the Arab Legion.

An incident in the encounter was the courage of Sergeant Coggins, of the R.A.F. who was piloting a plane directed operations. The plane was hit several times, and Coggins was seriously wounded. He became faint from loss of blood, but stuck to the controls, and brought Colonel Chrysal back to safety.

ENEMY DISPERSED

Later information shows that the enemy were finally dispersed by organised pursuit units of the Arab Legion. The Government is in complete control of the situation, and calm prevails.

The enemy suffered heavy casualties, a number of their chiefs being among the slain.

A Jerusalem message says that infantrymen, co-operating with the air force, captured 58 identified terrorists near the Jerusalem-Jaffa railway to-day. They were in possession of gunpowder, and apparently intended to blow up the railway track.

Numerous other incidents resulted in the death of a number of terrorists at the hands of British troops in various parts of Palestine.—*Reuter Special*.

ARABS FLOGGED

Jerusalem, Mar. 12. After the introduction of corporal punishment in Palestine a few weeks ago, the first sentences of flogging were passed to-day by the British authorities on two Arab boys aged 14 and 12 years.

The 14-year-old youth was sentenced to five years imprisonment and 12 lashes, and the younger boy was sentenced to six lashes.

Two other young Arabs were sentenced to death.

All the sentences were passed for carrying arms, and were imposed by the Jerusalem military court.—*Trans-Ocean*.

15 Die In Fire In Hokkaido

Hakodate, Mar. 12. Fifteen persons including 7 children were burnt to death when a fire broke out in a dry goods store at Matsukunzecho, Hakodate City Saturday night.

Six houses were destroyed and one other was partially destroyed before the fire was put under control. A strong gale hampered the efforts of fire-fighters.—*Domei*.

Miss Lou Gibson has been appointed as a Public Vaccinator.

France Is Fortifying Camranh Bay

TOKYO, Mar. 13.

THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES have started construction of fortifications in Camranh Bay on a large scale with a view to transforming it into France's largest military base in the Far East.

Camranh Bay is known to the Japanese as the port where the Russian Baltic Fleet touched on its way to the Japan Sea to engage in a fatal battle with the Japanese fleet in 1905, during the Russo-Japanese War.

The press message says that following the approval of the 30,000,000 francs defence budget for the French Far Eastern colony, the Government of French Indo-China has applied its land appropriation act extensively to areas surrounding Camranh Bay.

The French authorities recently prohibited entry of all vessels other than French men-of-war into Camranh Bay.—*Domei*.

JAPANESE DEMANDS

Puppets Tell S.M.C. What They Want

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13. A five-point demand was made to Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, under the date of March 10 by the Greater Shanghai Special Municipality under the jurisdiction of the Reformed Government, it was revealed.

The five points as requested by the Chinese government to the Municipal Government are:

- (1) Strengthening of policing measures in the International Settlement by strict census taking.
- (2) Restoration of police stations on extra Settlement roads.
- (3) Transfer of the district court in the Settlement to the Chinese Municipality.
- (4) Return of land-books to the Municipality.
- (5) Prohibition of flying of White Sun in the Blue Sky flags in the Settlement.—*Domei*.

JAPANESE REPORT DENIED

Shanghai, Mar. 12. French police, commenting on a "Domei" story that the French Consular authorities had ordered Chinese Nationalist flags to be taken down, denied that such an order was given.

Throughout French Concession and the International Settlement Nationalist flags are at half-mast to-day commemorating the 14th anniversary of Sun Yat-sen's death.—*United Press*.

Cheerful Conductor Receives A Legacy

More than six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wink of Currie, near Edinburgh, fell into casual conversation with the conductor of a bus in which they were travelling home from the city.

This began a friendship which was cemented by the cheerful, neighbourly ways of Adam Millar, the bus conductor.

He was always ready to render little services, and would spend some of his free time in helping them with their garden.

A COMFORT Then Mr. Wink died. His widow found the friendship of the Millars a great comfort in her loneliness, and often visited them.

Last November Mrs. Wink died. When her will was produced Adam Millar, now fifty-five years old, found that she had left him a £1,000 house in acknowledgment of his kindness and courtesy when she travelled on his bus.

Slovak Crisis

GERMAN POLICE, CZECH SOLDIERS IN BORDER CLASHES

PRESSBURG, Mar. 12.

A NUMBER OF incidents between the German voluntary police service and Czech soldiers occurred during Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Some time after midnight, a Czech military car drew up in front of the headquarters of the German Party. Several shots were fired from the car at German voluntary policemen standing on guard in front of the building. The German guards replied with fire, whereupon the Czech military car drove off. Altogether, about eight shots were fired, though nobody was injured.

Some 70 persons were arrested in Pressburg, including three Reich Germans, who were seized on Saturday night by Czech police and taken into custody despite the intervention of the German Consul-General.

PRESSBURG OCCUPIED

Government headquarters in Pressburg were also occupied on Sunday morning by Hlinka Guards and the German voluntary police. Flags of the Slovak autonomists and the Swastika waved from the buildings.

The provisional deputy Prime Minister, M. Tepiansky, acting before the formation of the Sidor Cabinet, held a telephone conversation with the Prague Foreign Minister, M. Chvalkovsky as a last act before leaving office, when he demanded the disarmament of the German voluntary police force in Slovakia. However, the voluntary policemen have refused to be disarmed.

CRISIS INTENSIFIES

In view of the continual arrests of Slovaks and Germans in Pressburg, said by this time to number several hundreds, and in view of the disquieting reports of new incidents in the woods and excursions among the population here has mounted to fever heat, and in the opinion of foreign observers, might at any time result in a further intensification of the crisis, and may possibly have results the consequence of which could not be foreseen.

The Pressburg headquarters of the German Party were surrounded this afternoon by Pressburg police, who also occupied neighbouring houses, and a whole series of buildings behind them. The police took up their positions in front of the headquarters, while armed German Party and Hlinka guards fixed their bayonets.

This afternoon the Hlinka Guards demanded the surrender and evacuation of the Hlinka barracks. Reports from the provincial towns indicate that Czech soldiers are occupying all the important buildings.

This afternoon, a great demonstration was held in Pressburg, 11 members of the Hlinka Guard were reported to have been wounded.

PREMIER'S BROADCAST

Prime Minister Sidor, broadcast this evening with the intention of allaying the excitement caused by the assurances that Czech soldiers and police would be withdrawn, thus quieting the more radical elements. The Premier said he had given an order that Czech gendarmes and police should leave Slovakia within the next 24 hours. Likewise, during the next 24 hours all Slovak priests, party leaders, Hlinka Guard commanders and all district leaders and officials should be released.

Two hundred and fifty persons who had been sent to Moravia after their arrest would be brought back within the next 48 hours, and set at liberty.

"STANDING GUARD"

Premier Sidor declared that the first Council of Ministers of the new Slovak Government would meet to-night and deliberate on an immediate course of action.

The President of the Slovak Diet had asked the Czechoslovakian President to postpone the next meeting of the Diet until March 20. Premier Sidor would then submit to the Diet the programme of the new Government, and at the same time make a report of the work already accomplished by the Government.

The Premier ended his speech with the words: "We are standing guard for Slovak interests. We will build up an independent national life in Slovakia. There is now no going back. Slovakia must go forward!"—*Trans-Ocean*.

PROVISIONAL COMPROMISE

London, Mar. 12. The last 48 hours has not made the Slovak problem much clearer to the world.—*(Continued on Page 7)*

GERMANY'S TURN TO WORRY Wave Of Armaments Come Over World

BERLIN, Mar. 12.

WHAT GERMANY needs at the present time is peace, declared Admiral Raeder, addressing a big audience, which included Herr Adolf Hitler, at the Opera House celebration of Heroes' Memorial Day.

"There are signs that mischievous hands are at work to undermine this new peace which we obtained. A wave of armaments has come over the world, the gigantic extent of which, in connection with irresponsible war agitation, might kill or seriously jeopardise all that has been achieved with so much trouble.

"DON'T BLAME US"

"We deny nobody the right to take measures for security, but we cannot remain inactive if Germany is represented as solely responsible for the gigantic armament measures, or if it is suggested that Germany alone has the intention of attacking her neighbours. Germany's work of reconstruction needs many years of quiet development.

"When the hope of real appeasement arose in the past year, the armaments race of others only increased.

"When we have achieved a lead in armaments, it shall be held. Where there is a deficiency, it shall be made up.

"Germany is the protector of all Germans on this side of, and beyond our frontier."—*Reuter*.

LATEST VON CRAMM FOR AUSTRALIA?

Cairo, Mar. 13.—Von Cramm, German tennis ace, announced will participate in Unistates and Australian tennis championships if these countries accord him visas. Said he was seriously considering taking up professional tennis career, but had received no offers yet, says "Reuter". Von Cramm added that he wouldn't play at Wimbledon. "I will play elsewhere as an individual and not as a German Davis Cup representative. I have no intention of giving up my German nationality."

Sabotage At Aintree

"Reuter" report from London states C.I.D. investigating attempt to flood Aintree racecourse, where Grand National will race on March 24. French made in Liverpool Canal flooded extensive area, and water came within 4 miles of jumps. Engineers erected wall of sandbags and flood under control this morning. No explosives found.

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Further Late News

Soviet Troops Across Border Hot Engagement With Japanese

TOKYO, Mar. 12.

NEWSPAPER DESPATCHES from Hainking allege that Soviet troops invaded Manchukuo for the third time in eight days.

Seventy Red troops crossed the border in the vicinity of the frontier marked "H" and allegedly took up positions inside Manchukuo, but were dislodged by the Japanese, after a hot engagement lasting an hour.

Four Japanese are reported to have been wounded.

Hainking officials immediately began firing a strong protest to the Japanese.—*United Press*.

IN THE COURTS

House-Boy Wins Case Against His European Employer: \$4.68 Claim

JUDGMENT IN FAVOUR of the complainant was delivered by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day in a summons lodged by a houseboy named Lai Po against his former master, H. C. J. Burnett of 188 Nathan Road.

The summons alleged that Burnett, being the employer of Lai, failed to pay him \$4.68, being the wages due and that Burnett discharged Lai without giving him a month's notice or a month's wages in lieu of notice.

At the end of his judgment, Mr. Himsforth said: "The second count for the recovery of \$4.68 cannot be treated as the plaintiff has sought to treat it, as an additional sum over and above his month's wages. On this count, I give judgment for the defendant. I therefore order that the sum of \$5 paid into court by the defendant be paid to the plaintiff and that a further sum of \$20 be paid to plaintiff by the defendant. On the second count I also order a sum of \$5 costs be paid to the defendant by the plaintiff."

It will be recalled that at a previous hearing Lai said in evidence that he received a month's notice from Burnett in February and, five days later, was discharged. Defendant had paid him \$5 for work performed on the first five days of the month.

"SUSPECTED OF THEFT"
Burnett had said that Lai had first accepted and then refused the \$5, and subsequently that sum had been paid into court. Giving his reason for discharging the complainant, Burnett said: "I discharged him because I suspected him of theft. Before complainant came to work for me I had none of this trouble, and it has ceased since he has left."

THE JUDGMENT
The following is Mr. Himsforth's full judgment:

"This case is of interest because it is one of the rare occasions on which an action of civil jurisdiction is dealt with in a Magisterial Court and also because it involves an examination of the question when servants may be summarily dismissed without notice."

"The facts of the case which appear to be admitted by the parties are as follows: The plaintiff was engaged as house boy by the defendant about 10 months ago at a salary of \$20 per month. The plaintiff was given one month's notice on February 1 to take effect at the end of the month."

"During the period of plaintiff's employment, the defendant lost certain sums of money in his house including a sum of \$10 on February 3 in circumstances which made him extremely suspicious that the plaintiff was responsible for the loss."

"Thereupon he discharged plaintiff immediately and gave him \$5 for work done during February. Plaintiff accepted the \$5 but later returned it and claimed at least half a month's salary."

"When this was not forthcoming plaintiff brought the present action, claiming the sum of \$4.68 for work done and one month's wages in lieu of notice. Defendant meanwhile admitted the debt of \$4.68 and paid \$5 into court."

NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND
"It is not easy to understand why the plaintiff joined the two claims in this action, for he is clearly not entitled to both. I will deal first with the claim for a month's wages in lieu of notice. The occasions on which a servant may be summarily dismissed without notice are summarized in Halsbury Vol. 22 p. 151 et seq. First, wilful disobedience to the lawful and reasonable order of a master; second misconduct inconsistent with the due and faithful discharge by the servant of the duties for which he was engaged; thirdly, if the servant has been guilty of an offence outside his

employment of such a character as to make it unsafe for the master to retain him; or if the servant has been immoral so that he cannot safely be trusted; or iniquitous; fourthly, neglect of his duties; fifthly, incompetency in the work for which he was engaged; sixthly, permanent incapacity caused by illness, and finally in certain cases where the conduct of the servant is incompatible with the faithful discharge of his duty to his master."

SUSPICION INSUFFICIENT
"Now the evidence shows that none of the above grounds can properly be imputed to the plaintiff. The only ground for dismissal, as alleged by the defendant was that he strongly suspected the plaintiff of theft. But a suspicion, however strong, is not a proven fact, and it is upon proved facts that the question of summary dismissal must be decided. If the money had been entrusted to the care of the house-boy but in this case beyond the fact that the house-boy knew where the \$10 was, there is nothing to connect him with the subsequent loss."

"I am therefore of the opinion that the plaintiff was entitled either to be permitted to work out his month's notice or to pay the balance of wages in lieu thereof. Whatever might be our sympathies for the defendant, the law in my opinion is clearly on the side of the complainant."

"The second count for the recovery of \$4.68 cannot be treated as the plaintiff has sought to treat it, as an additional sum over and above his month's wages. On this count I give judgment for the defendant."

"I therefore order that the sum of \$5 paid into court by the defendant be paid to the plaintiff and that a further sum of \$20 be paid to the plaintiff by the defendant. On the second count I also order a sum of \$5 costs be paid to the defendant by the plaintiff."

CAN'T SELL ICE CREAM IN STREETS

ICE-CREAM cannot be sold in Hongkong's streets.

That fact was brought home forcibly to Chan, C. a 52-year-old hawker, this morning. He was charged under the Emergency Regulations dealing with the prevention of disease, with selling ice-cream in Kowloon City.

A \$2 fine was imposed.

'DON'T TELL LIES' WOMAN IS TOLD

Assault Charge Against Czech

ARISING OUT of an alleged assault, an action claiming \$1,000 as damages was brought by Miss Molly Chan, of 24 Lockhart Road, ground floor, against her former employer, Karel Weiss, of Rohny's, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning.

According to the statement of claim, defendant assaulted and beat plaintiff on November 23 last at 12 Des Voeux Road Central, ground floor, by striking her on the mouth, left cheek and left ear, bruising her lips and loosening one incisor tooth, apart from rupturing her left eardrum and causing deafness in the left ear. The claim for damages included \$100 for medical and dental expenses.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth, for plaintiff, said that his client had been in the employ of defendant, who came from Czechoslovakia, for over 18 months prior to the alleged assault. During that time, she had assisted defendant financially on several occasions by obtaining loans for him, and also helping him with her own money.

CHANGE IN DATE
Continuing, Mr. Wynter-Blyth said that the assault actually took place on November 21 and not 23 as stated in the claim, whereupon Mr. D. McCallum, for the defendant, told the Court that he had based his case entirely on what was alleged to have happened on November 23.

His Lordship: You are not trying to put forward an alibi or anything of the sort?

Mr. McCallum: No, but I have made inquiries relating to November 23. Now that the plaintiff said the assault happened on November 21, I don't know where I am.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth said that he felt concerned Mr. McCallum was not prejudiced in any way by the changing of dates, and then went on to say that on the day in question his client saw Weiss in his office with the object of asking him to transfer to her a share which he said he had in a certain radium apparatus.

His Lordship: The agreement was signed on November 23.

"ALL VERY MYSTERIOUS"
Mr. Wynter-Blyth: The agreement was dated November 23, but the assault actually took place on November 21. That was how the mistake in the writ occurred.

His Lordship: This is all very mysterious.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth then went on to say that plaintiff would also tell the Court that, apart from the financial help which she had rendered to defendant, there were also wages owing to her. Defendant gave her three slaps in the mouth, cheek and ear, as a result of which the left eardrum was ruptured and a tooth was loosened. Following the assault, plaintiff's employment was brought to an end.

His Lordship: I still don't quite follow how the agreement came to be signed two days after the assault.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth: The agreement was signed on the day of the assault, but a mistake was made as to the date.

CIVIL EVIDENCE, plaintiff said that prior to the assault she had been in the employ of the defendant for two years, at \$50 a month. Her duties were to look after defendant's business during his absence. Defendant had three kinds of business, first as an importer and exporter, then Rohny's and then White House.

THE document relating to the transfer of a share in the radium apparatus was signed on November 21, the day of the assault. After this, there was a dispute between them, when she asked him to sign another agreement giving her a share in the profits of his business and accepting liability for the wages which had not been paid to her.

Previous to this, she had lent money to defendant on the promise that he would share the profits with her. Defendant had not paid her any wages at all.

ASKED TO RAISE LOAN
Mr. Wynter-Blyth: Why should you receive a share of the profits? Because when he had no capital to carry on his business he asked me

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ILLEGAL SOCIETY

Northern Chinese Heavily Fined

Hearing of the case against three Northern Chinese charged with having assisted in the management of a Chinese Seamen's Union, and being members of an unlawful society, was concluded before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were convicted.

Defendants were Wong Nga-lun, 35, Leung Kau, 50, and Chu Po-hang, 35. Leung was further charged with having knowingly allowed the society to use the premises over which he had control.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence of all three defendants, and pleaded not guilty. Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

Defendants were arrested on the second floor of 10, Jubilee Street, on February 19 following a raid. The case for the Crown was that the Chinese Seamen's Union was declared an unlawful society by a Government notification in 1927, while the defence was that their Union was entirely different, being

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TOKYO BELIEVES EUROPEAN 'SHOW-DOWN' SET FOR MAR. 26

IMPORTANT PRONOUNCEMENT PREPARED BY MUSSOLINI

ROME, MAR. 11.

THE STRAINED ATMOSPHERE OVER THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL SITUATION WILL, IT IS BELIEVED, COME TO A "SHOWDOWN" WHEN THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS ON MARCH 26 TO CELEBRATE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ORGANISATION.

Climaxing the recent large-scale mobilisation of troops, Premier Benito Mussolini is expected to make an important declaration on Italy's diplomatic policies vis-a-vis the civil war in Spain and colonial problems.

COLONIAL LEADERS IN ROME

Back here on urgent summons of Premier Mussolini, the Viceroy of Abyssinia, the Duke of Aosta, Marshal Italo Balbo, Governor-General of Libya, and Marshal Badoglio, who recently reviewed the Italian forces in Libya, on Friday night attended the Supreme Military Council at Palazzo Venezia.

George V Goes To Last Resting Place

LONDON, Mar. 12.
THE KING AND QUEEN, with Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family went to St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle to-day for the dedication of the tomb of George V.

Canon Denne conducted the brief ceremony.

The service consisted of prayers written especially for the occasion, the whole proceedings lasting only a quarter of an hour, after which the Royal Family inspected the tomb.

An official statement afterwards said: "The coffin of King George V was removed from the royal vault and placed in a tomb in the second westernmost bay on the north side of the nave."

"The figure of King George is shown in white marble, wearing an Admiral's uniform and the Garter robes."—Reuter.

Important measures to counter-act the reported movement of British troops in Egypt and the mobilisation of French forces in Africa were understood to have been discussed at Friday night's conference, which was personally presided over by Premier Mussolini.

The Duke of Aosta arrived here from Ethiopia by aeroplane at 3 p.m. on Friday. Following the military conference, he is returning to Ethiopia in the next few days. Marshal Badoglio and General Balbo arrived here from Libya on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Fascist Grand Council, which was originally scheduled to meet on March 20, was officially declared postponed until March 26 on Thursday. An official announcement says that the postponement has been necessitated by the progress of the military mobilisation and other internal affairs.

400,000 MOBILISED

Informed quarters estimate that between 300,000 and 400,000 troops have been affected by the recent general mobilisation.

With the military measures concluding in the coming fortnight, Premier Benito Mussolini is believed to make definite pronouncements on the European situation at the forthcoming Council session.

Describing the forthcoming statement by Premier Mussolini as "a bombshell declaration," some circles express the fear that as the situation stands, another grave crisis will develop in connection with the strained Italo-French relations on the border of Tunisia.—Domet.

The P. & O. liner Jeypore left Shimonoedi yesterday and is due here on Friday at about 1 p.m.

Chinese Envoys In Kowloon



MR. O. T. WANG, recently Chinese Ambassador to the United States, photographed at his home in Kowloon. With Mr. Wang is Mr. S. Y. Han, who was Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo until his recall by the Chinese Government.

Grand Total Of Japan's Budget Is Yen 10,410,000,000

The grand total of Japan's budgets, inclusive of the general and extraordinary military budgets, for the 1939-40 fiscal year, amounts to yen 10,410,000,000.

Included in the grand total are yen 3,094,000,000 for the general budget, yen 4,605,000,000 for the extraordinary military budget in connection with the China Incident, yen 910,000,000 for the supplementary budget for the Army and the Navy, yen 200,000,000 for the supplementary budget for civil service Ministries, and yen 700,000,000 as the fund for contracting liabilities outside the purview of the Budget.

The yen 200,000,000 supplementary budget for civil service Ministries which was finally determined by the Ministry of Finance on Saturday, will shortly be submitted to the Diet. This sum includes yen 7,000,000 for payment for Government's holdings of the shares of the projected Japan Aviation Corporation.—Domet.

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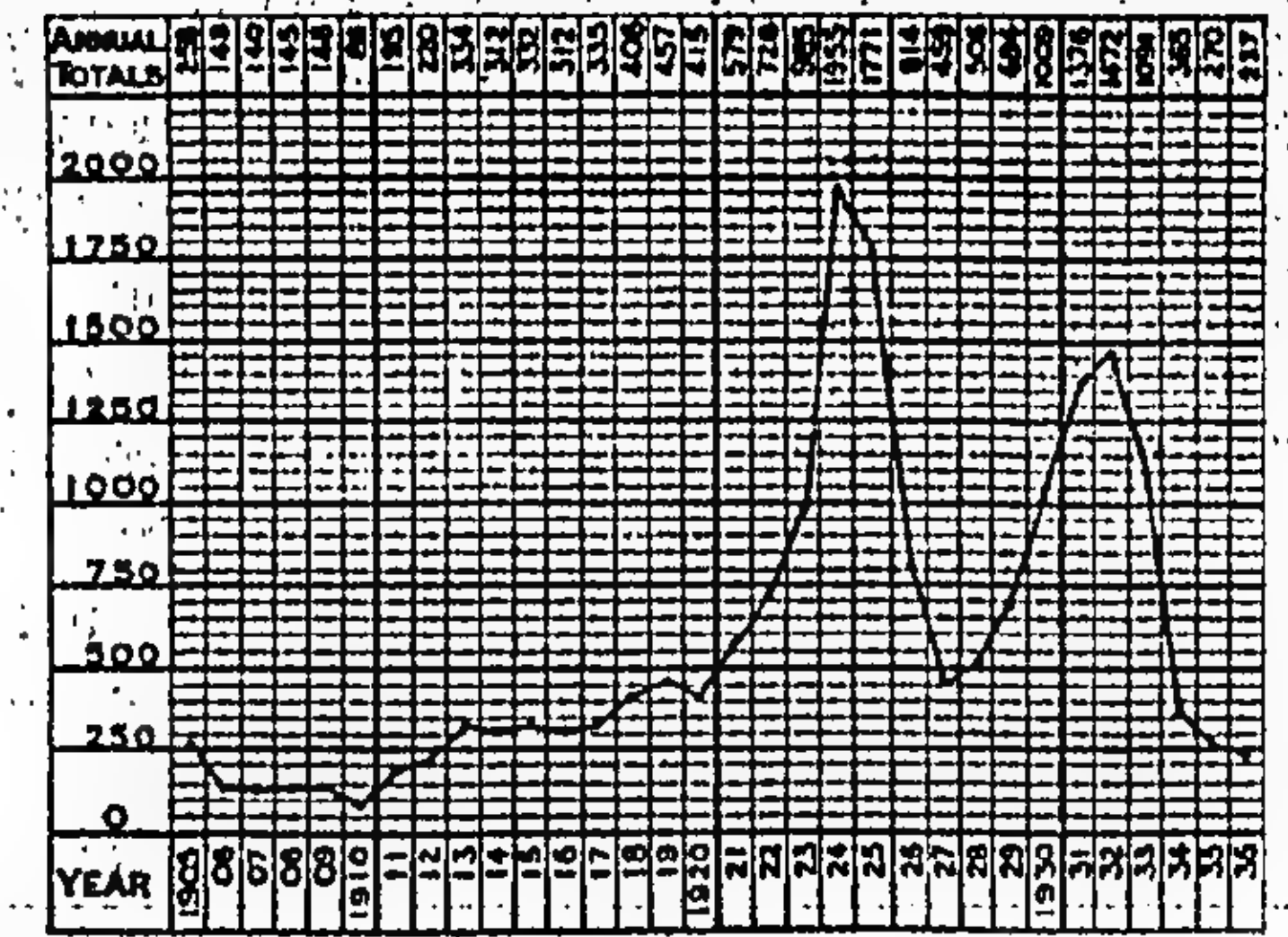


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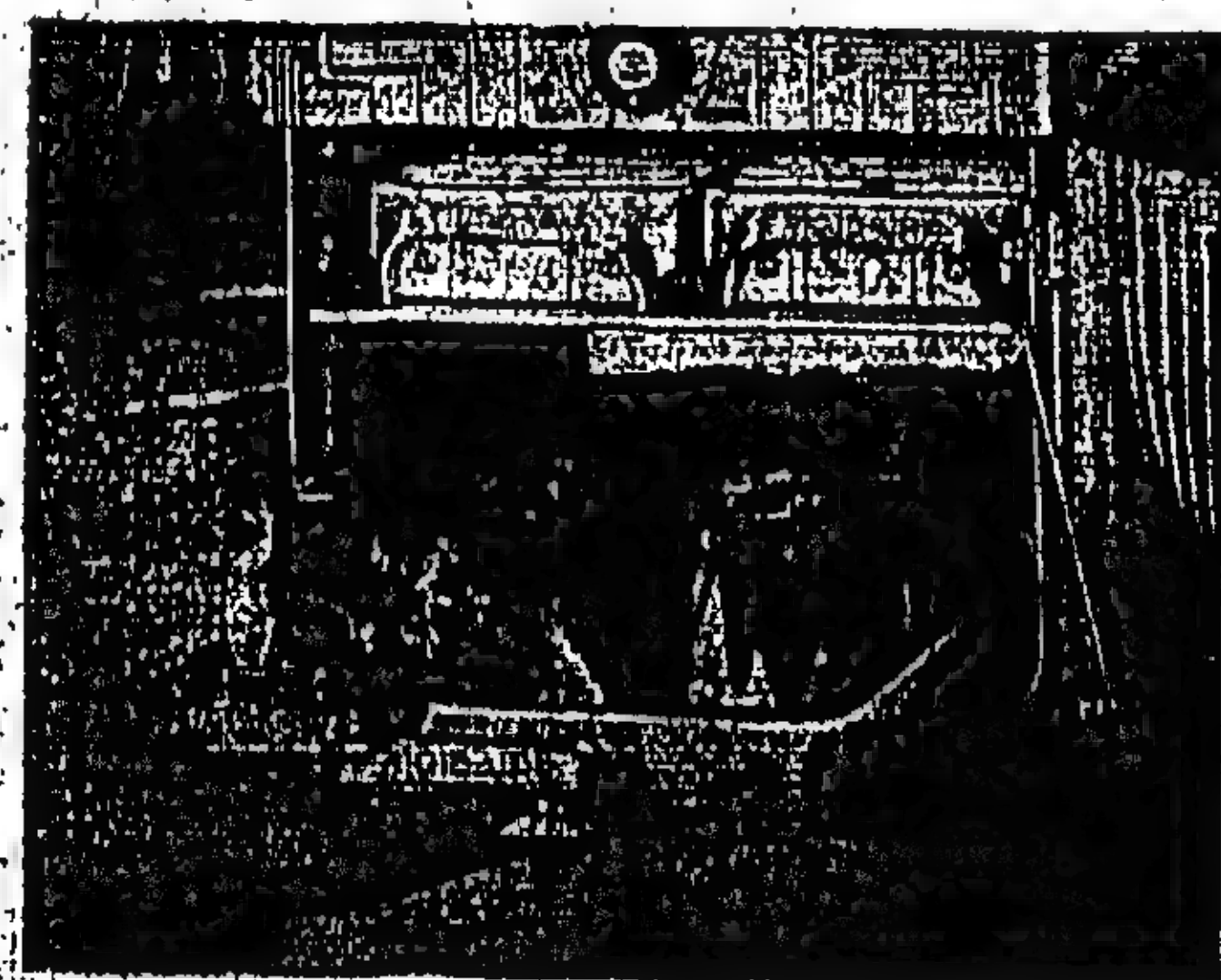
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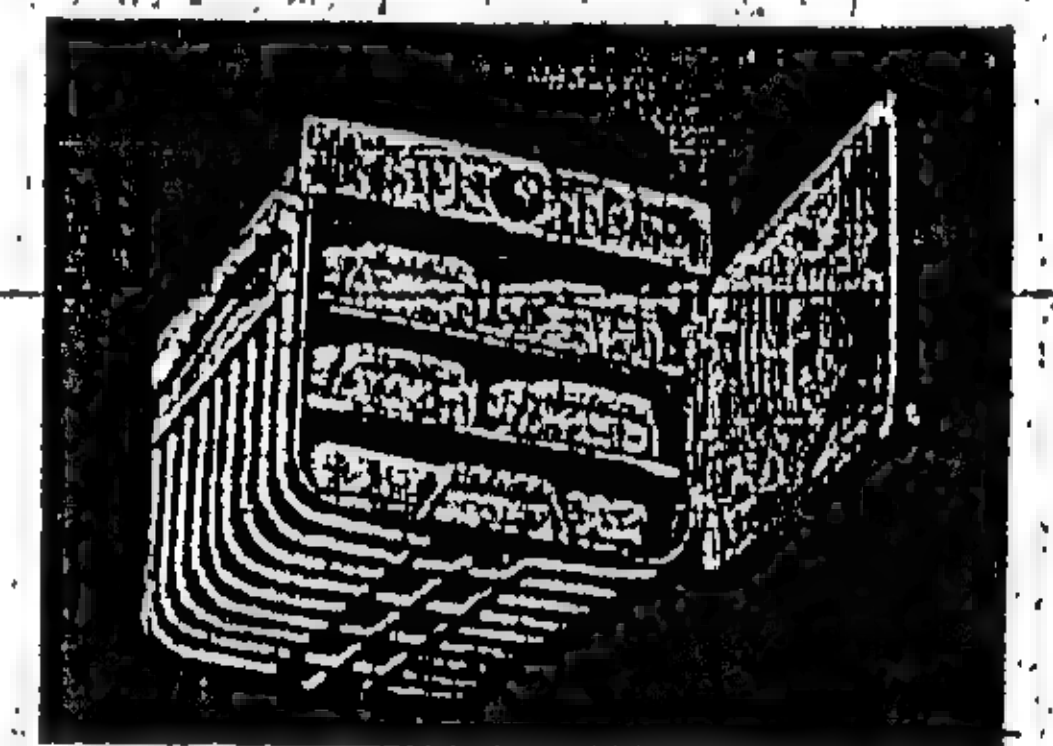
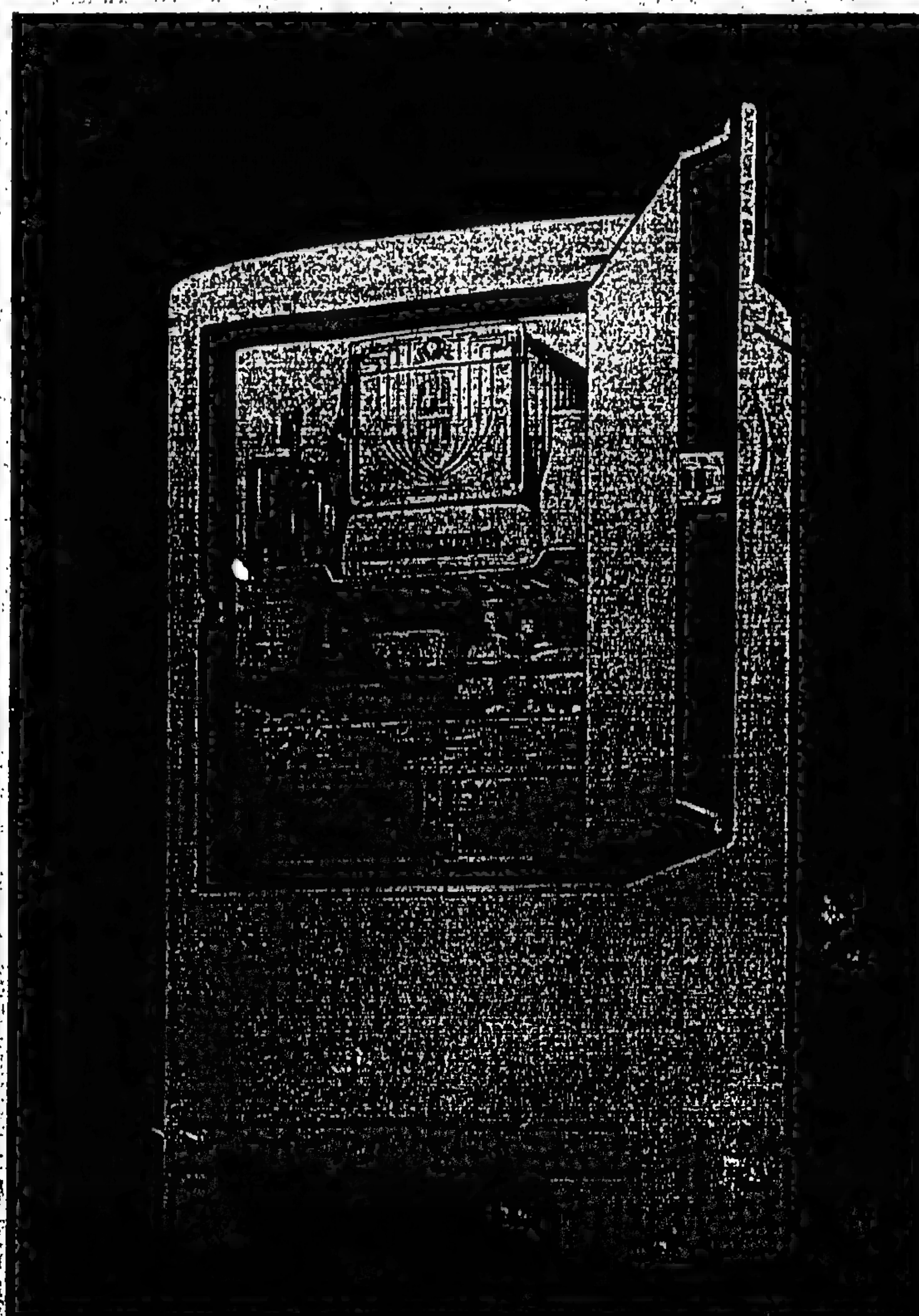
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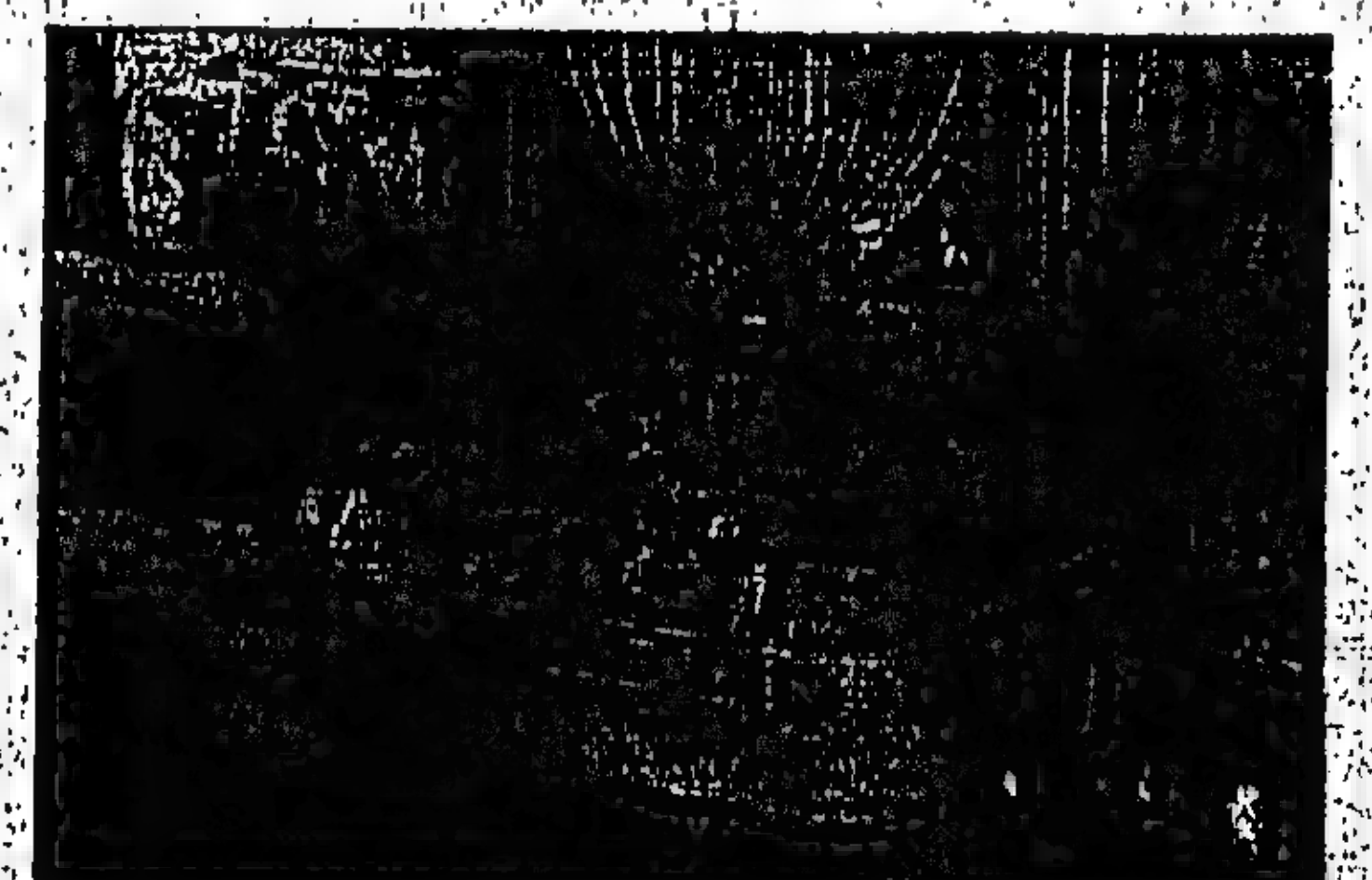
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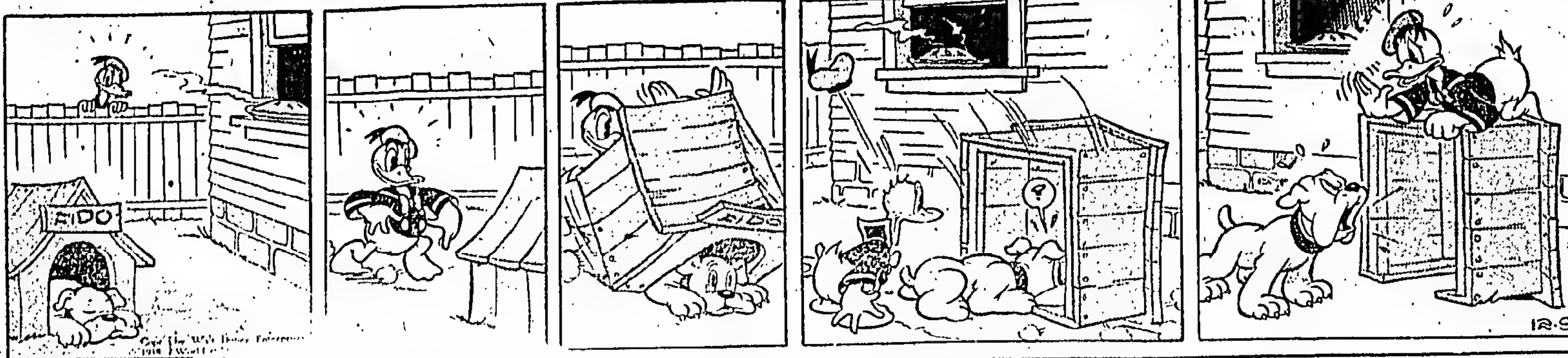
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About 25 warships of the China and East Indies Stations—cruisers, destroyers, submarines, an escort vessel and an aircraft-carrier—will take part in manoeuvres off the coast of Singapore this month during which the fixed defences of the fortress will be tested.

They began last week when the destroyers Duncan, Delight, Duchess and Diamond manoeuvred stealthily without lights in Singapore waters, after their arrival from Hongkong.

The naval exercises will culminate in an "attack" on Singapore early on Friday morning, during Singapore's first compulsory black-out.

Sealar warplanes and troops of the garrison will take part in the exercises.

CRUISE TO STRAITS PORTS
The four destroyers are making a cruise to Malacca Straits ports.

The four destroyers will return to Singapore to-day, when the cruisers Manchester and Norfolk from the East Indies Station will arrive at Singapore from Rangoon and the submarines Orpheus and Proteus will also arrive after carrying out exercises in the Malacca Straits.

After a cruise of Netherlands Indies ports, the depot ship Medway and six submarines—Regulus, Regent, Rover, Pandora, Rorqual and Partisan—reached Singapore on Saturday.

COMPULSORY BLACK-OUT

The cruisers Kent, flagship of the China Station, and Suffolk, the escort vessel Fulmouth, the aircraft-carrier Eagle, the destroyers Darling and Westcott and the Otus will reach Singapore on Friday.

Early on the morning of that day all the naval craft will take part in manoeuvres which will take the form of an attack on Singapore. "Enemy" carrier-borne planes will fly over Singapore during the attack, when Singapore's first compulsory black-out will be in operation.

Medway and her brood of submarines will leave for Hongkong on Mar. 22. The East Indies Station cruisers will sail for Colombo on Mar. 24 and the cruisers Kent and Suffolk and the escort vessel Fulmouth will end their Singapore stay on Mar. 30.

CORONATION
CEREMONYHalf-Million People
Pack St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 12. OVER HALF A MILLION people were packed in St. Peter's Square, and down the new half a mile road reaching almost to the River Tiber, when Pope Pius XII was crowned supreme Pontiff on the outside balcony of St. Peter's at midday to-day.

It was first time since 1846 that the Pope had been crowned in public. Millions of the faithful all over the world listened to a description of the ceremonies broadcast in seven languages.

The ceremonies connected with the coronation began at 8 a.m., and were conducted with the splendour of centuries-old tradition. Diplomats and princes from all parts of the world were among the worshippers who packed the great Basilica to capacity during high mass.

THANKS TO LIN SEN

CHUNGKING, Mar. 12. Pope Pius XII has cabled his thanks to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, for his congratulatory message on the occasion of his Holiness to the Papacy.

The Canadian Pacific Liner Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver yesterday.

MADRID
QUIETCommunist Leaders
Surrender To Miaja

MADRID, Mar. 12. THE CAPITAL is now considered to be free of Communist influence.

The leaders are stated to have surrendered unconditionally.

A Paris message says that Madrid is starting to live normally again, and tramway workers are replacing overhead wires.

The inhabitants in the Chamartin district, where the Communists made their last stand, are now returning to their homes.

Shops are re-opening on Monday, and municipal workers are already at their posts.

STRONGHOLD SURRENDER

MADRID, Mar. 12. At 9 o'clock to-night, General Casado issued a statement saying that the "last of the rebel strongholds had surrendered unconditionally."

The statement was issued after the Council for Defence had met in session from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and it added that "the situation was excellent after the total liquidation of the revolters."

It appeared, however, that the Communists were still entrenched in scattered sections, especially at El Retiro Park and other outlying districts.

General Casado's forces stormed and seized the El Pardo Palace, in which was imprisoned 3,000 prisoners, including the civil Governor in dusty dungeons.

Chungking-Hanoi
Air Service

CHUNGKING, Mar. 13. The Chungking-Hanoi air service operated by the C.N.A.C. will be inaugurated to-morrow, a trial flight by a Douglas plane on March 8 having proved satisfactory.

Flights flying between Chungking and Hanoi will stop over at Kuming.

GAVE NEWS
TO WORLDH.K. Cable "Scoop"
Recalled By Visit

MEET THE American newspaperman who scored the Far East's greatest news scoop of the nineteenth century.

He is septuagenarian Edward Walker Harden, former newspaper correspondent who now follows the more sedate occupation of stock and bond brokerage.

Mr. Harden is revisiting Hongkong, 41 years after he lodged a cablegram in this Colony, telling the first story of Admiral Dewey's victory in Manila Bay.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harden, the veteran correspondent is making an air trip around the world, duplicating at a faster pace a journey he made in 1898.

SAW BATTLE

Mr. Harden was aboard one of Dewey's ships during the battle of Manila Bay and his 50-word message to the New York "World" and the Chicago "Tribune" was the first authentic account of the battle to reach the United States, six days after the battle. But his message arrived six hours ahead of Admiral Dewey's.

EXPENSIVE CABLE

The cables between Manila and Hongkong were cut before the battle began, on Sunday, May 1, 1898. After the battle, Admiral Dewey despatched a ship to Hongkong with his message. Correspondent Harden was aboard that ship.

Arriving at Hongkong, the young newsman wrote a brief account of the battle and marked it "urgent." At that time the rate was \$33 a word, three times the ordinary rate. Admiral Dewey sent what is known as a "repeat" message, for greater accuracy, and as a result Harden's message reached the States ahead of the admiral's.

The New York "World" and other newspapers within the syndicate for which Harden was working had the news of the American victory on Saturday morning, May 7.

MADRID RUMOUR

Before the cables were cut, the Spanish force in Manila had sent a message to Madrid saying that there had been a battle in which several American ships were destroyed. As a matter of fact, Dewey lost no ship. Harden's despatch was the first authentic account of the battle to reach the outside world.

Mr. Harden has kept his early connection with the Philippines by membership in the Manila Bay Club and the Order of the Carabao. He was in the Philippines six months in 1898.

The Hardens arrived in Hongkong by Clipper on Friday, and from here will proceed by plane to Bangkok, Calcutta, Alexandria, Athens, Rome, Paris and London. On their return to New York about May 1, Mr. and Mrs. Harden will visit the New York World's Fair.

Mr. Harden is senior partner of the firm of Baker, Weeks and Harden, members of the New York Stock Exchange, and a director of the Radio Corporation of America and the National Broadcasting Company.

Defence Talks
In N. ZealandEmpire Delegates
To Gather

LONDON, Mar. 12. THE DOMINIONS OFFICE states that "as a result of a suggestion put forward about the middle of last year by the Government of New Zealand, which has since been under discussion between the governments concerned, arrangements have now been completed for a meeting in New Zealand in the near future of a conference between representatives of the governments of New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom, to consider Pacific questions of common concern, with special reference to defence questions."

The United Kingdom representatives will be the High Commissioner in New Zealand for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and representatives of the defence services.

Mr. S. H. Dodwell has been appointed Unofficial Member of the Executive Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

HAN RIVER
OFFENSIVEJapanese Forced
Back To East Bank

FIGHTING WEST of the Han River has been brought to a complete standstill as a result of the great Chinese counter-offensive.

The Chinese claim to have cleared the Japanese remnants from the west bank, and both sides are now consolidating the Japanese on the east bank and the Chinese on the west bank.

Sporadic artillery firing across the river is the only sign of activity. Some Japanese troops appear not to have re-crossed the river and are said to be muzzed on the Ichang highway. But Chinese regular and irregular troops are rapidly surrounding this isolated Japanese force, which will experience extreme difficulty even in retreating.

Chinese villagers are closely co-operating with their country's forces in resisting the Japanese.

Court Martial For
Japanese Official

HANOI, Mar. 13.

MR. SHIOMI, Chancellor to the Japanese Consulate-General here, who was kidnapped by Chinese regular soldiers while travelling near the border between Tonkin and Kwangsi at the end of last year, is shortly facing the Chinese court martial at Chungking, according to a report reaching the French authorities here.

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To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—On March 3 last you kindly published a notice in regard to a proposed Auxiliary Fire Service in Hong Kong. Appeal was made for volunteers for this Service. I regret that, owing to a typing error, a mistake occurred in the notice which stated that applicants would have to undergo medical examination "with charge." The correct reading was "without charge."

May I trespass on your courtesy to bring to the notice of the public that volunteers will not be required to meet any expenses, either for medical examination or for equipment. The very limited response so far to the appeal may be due to misunderstanding on this point.

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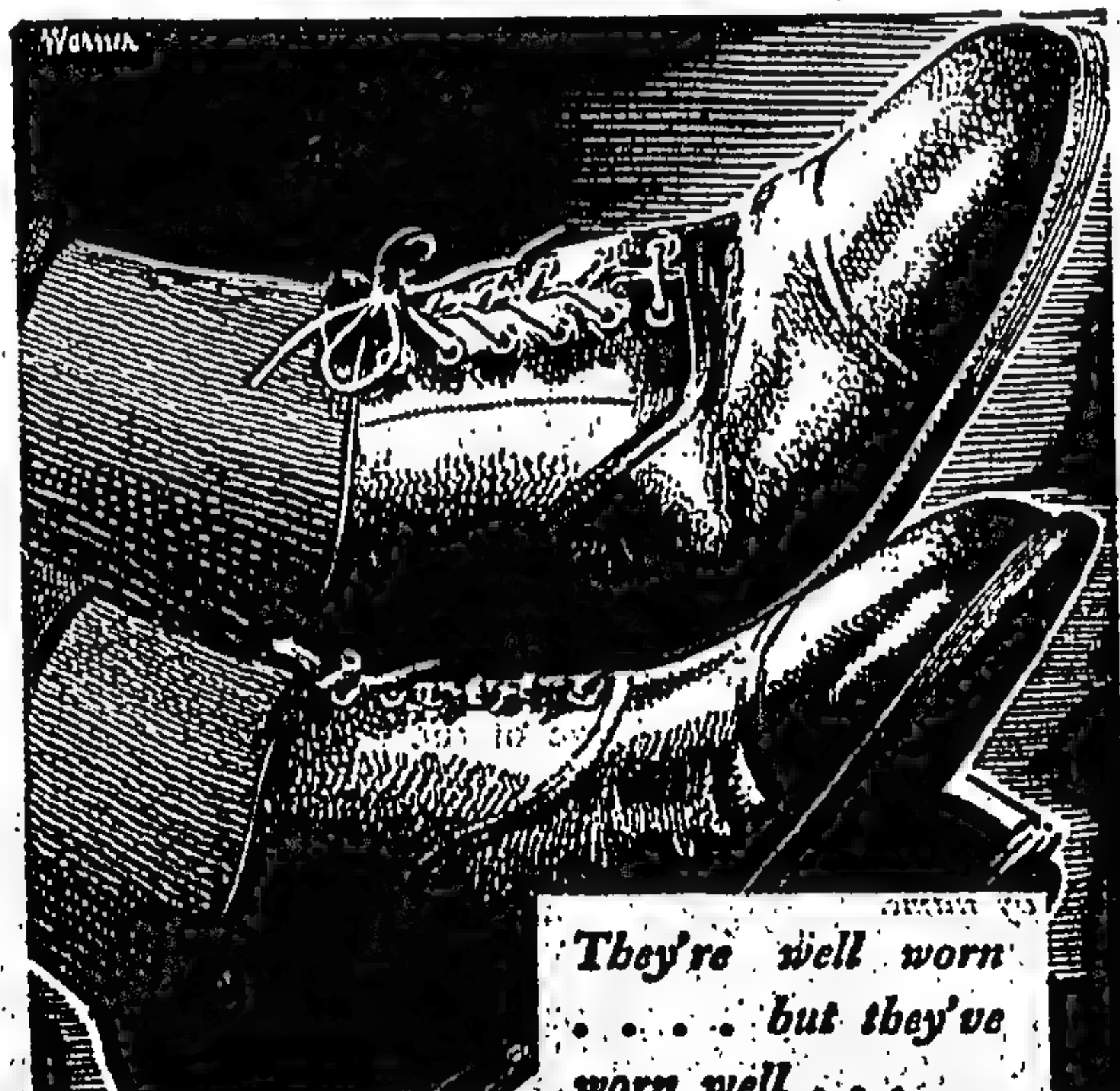
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Russia?

THE biggest handicap in British diplomacy at the present time is of the British Government's own creation. It is their deliberate cold-shouldering of Russia.

This refusal of Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues to collaborate with Russia contributed more than anything else to the democratic rout at Munich. Russia had publicly avowed in unambiguous terms her intention of fulfilling her treaty obligations. But the British Government apparently preferred to believe the little-tattle of cosmopolitan busy-bodies who asserted that Russia was either unwilling or unable to fulfil her obligations.

This determination to force Russia into isolation—to treat her as the pariah of Europe—continues. Mr. Chamberlain, it seems, would prefer to lose the British Empire without Russian support than keep it with Russian help.

It is not only that the British Government are throwing away a valuable friend in time of peace and a powerful ally if need should arise. The inevitable effect of trying to isolate Russia must be to throw her into the arms of Germany. This possibility has often haunted the Foreign Offices of France and Britain, and now Mr. Chamberlain seems in a fair way to bringing it about.

In view of Herr Hitler's denunciations of "Bolshevism," such an outcome may seem impossible. But stranger things have happened, and the present trade talks between Russia and Germany should give abundant food for thought in Downing Street.

KORDA: NO ROMANCE

MR. ALEXANDER KORDA, the film producer, who arrived at Plymouth recently from New York, denied that he was married or that there was a romance between him and Merle Oberon.

He also described as "nonsense" reports that he was fed up with England and was contemplating living in America.

"I may make films occasionally in Hollywood, but London will always be my headquarters," he said.

TO-DAY IN HISTORY

A BISHOP who sought health IN TAR-WATER

"I HAVE," said Dr. George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, "bestowed more pains on this work than on any of my other productions."

Berkeley referred to a book entitled "Virtues of Tar-water," in which he extolled the benefits of a concoction for curing various ailments. Accused of exaggerating, Berkeley retorted: "To speak out, I suspect tar-water is a panacea."

Whereupon the newspapers of the day waxed sarcastic at the bishop's expense. Here is an epigram published in one periodical:

"Who dare deride what pious Cloyne has done?
The Church shall rise and vindicate her son;
She tells us all her bishops shepherds are,
And shepherds heal their rotten sheep with tar."

A certain John Wislaw, a solicitor, writing to a friend on May 25, 1744, gives a brief account of Berkeley and his tar-water:

"The Bishop of Cloyne, in Ireland, has published a book, of two shillings price upon the excellence of tar-water, which is to keep ye blood in due order, and a great remedy in many cases. His way of making it is to put, I think, a gallon of water to a quart of tar, and after stirring it together, to let it stand 48 hours, and then pour off the clear and drink a glass of about half a pint in ye morn, and as much at five in ye afternoon. So it's become common to call for a glass of tar-water in a coffee-house, as a dish of tea or coffee."

The Bishop practised what he preached, stuck to his tar-water, and wrote a sequel to his previous work, called "Further Thoughts on Tar-water," being his last production for the Press.

Berkeley suffered from what he described as nervous colic and could obtain relief only from his own specific.

Apart from this obsession of Berkeley's, he was a remarkable man. He was a great philosopher and mathematician, though often unorthodox.

At Trinity College, Dublin, where he was educated, opinion was divided as to whether he was a fool or a prodigy. His subsequent career proves that he was no fool, for before he was 23 he won a fellowship.

Within three years he published his "Theory of Vision," in which he discussed the prevailing ideas of sight and touch.

He argued that a man born blind could be made to see, would be unable to recognise any object by sight which he had previously known by touch. Such person, too, would have no sense of the relative distance of objects.

This argument was proved in a strange way, 18 years afterwards, when a young man, blind from birth, was suddenly restored to sight. He declared that he could not distinguish a dog from a cat by sight, and was so confused between his newly-acquired faculty and his touch that he wanted to know which of the two senses were lying.

Next year Berkeley published his "Principles of Human Knowledge," in which he tried to prove that the common notion of the existence of matter was wrong, and that common articles of everyday use existed only as ideas in the mind.

He further developed this theory in "Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous," which, if it did not convince eighteenth century scientists, gave him a reputation as a writer and the friendship of Dean Swift.

Meanwhile, from 1707, he had been engaged as a college tutor. In 1712 he paid a short visit to England, and in April 1713 Swift presented him at Court.

He soon made himself popular in London and became chaplain to Lord Peterborough, whom he accompanied to the Continent, returning in August 1714.

From 1715 to 1720 he travelled again as tutor to the son of Dr. St. George Ashe, an Irish Bishop.

In 1721 the country was disturbed by the South Sea Bubble scandal, and Berkeley published an "Essay towards preventing the Ruin of Great Britain." In the same year he became chaplain to the Duke of Grafton in Ireland, and was in demand as a lecturer on divinity.

MONDAY, MARCH 13.
St. Gregory the Great

Born: Bishop George Berkeley, philosopher, 1684.

Died: Caesar Borgia, killed, 1508; Ludovick Muggleton, founder of the Muggletonians, 1697.

His first preferment in the Church was the demerney of Derry. He was no sooner settled in this post than he conceived an idea for converting the North American Indians. He proposed the building of a college in Bermuda as a missionary school. He offered to resign his demerney, worth £1100 a year, and go out there as the first president at a salary of £100 a year.

Parliament considered the plan and gave its approval, and Berkeley made preparations to take a number of kindred spirits.

For seven years, however, Sir Robert Walpole made various excuses for withholding the charter and grant of £20,000 promised by the Government.

Meanwhile Berkeley had set sail for Rhode Island, accompanied by his wife—the daughter of the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons.

The whole scheme was doomed to failure, owing mainly to the breach of faith of Sir Robert Walpole, who eventually applied the money to other purposes.

After spending all the funds he could raise from his demerney and from other sources, Berkeley was forced to abandon his project for converting the Indians.

Through Dean Swift Berkeley had made the acquaintance of the celebrated Vanessa, Mrs. Hester Van Homrigh, who, upon discovering that Swift was married, left Berkeley half her property. It appears that she had met him only once at dinner.

After his return from Rhode Island, where he had spent three years waiting for the Government grant, he published the most useful of his works, "The Minute Philosopher," written in the form of dialogue.

It was a critical survey of the various forms of free-thinking of the time. It was warmly appreciated by certain sections of the Church, and was shown to the Queen, with whom Berkeley became a great favourite.

Through her influence he was appointed to the demerney of Down, and in 1730 promoted to the see of Cloyne.

In the same year his "Analyst," again on the subject of free-thinking, placed him in the centre of a hot controversy.

At this period Berkeley went into retirement, devoting himself to the discharge of his duties as Bishop, and in works of charity.

In 1745 he refused the see of Clogher, which would have doubled his income.

He kept up a correspondence with the prominent men of the day and wrote a number of pamphlets on various subjects. It was now that he wrote his treatises on the virtues of tar-water.

Despite the regular draughts of tar-water, Berkeley's health began to fail.

He was unable to carry on his work in Ireland, and he went to Oxford and requested permission of the King to resign his see with the view to obtaining a canonry in that city.

The King, however, refused to accept his resignation. "Berkeley shall die a bishop, in spite of himself," said George II., and he gave him permission to live wherever he pleased.

One of Berkeley's last acts was to make over £200 worth of rents from the see lands at Cloyne to poor housekeepers in his diocese.

Bishop Berkeley, who was born on March 13, 1684, at Pelerin, in the County of Kilkenny, Ireland, died at Oxford on Sunday, January 14, 1753.

It was while he was seated with his family listening to the reading of a sermon that he fell back and died so quietly that he was believed to be asleep. When his daughter later brought him a cup of tea he was stiff and cold.

He was buried in Christ Church, Oxford.

Berkeley is described as "a handsome man, with a countenance full of meaning and benignity. Remarkable for great strength of limbs, and still his secondary life impelled it, of a very robust constitution."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



BRITAIN PREPARES—II

NATIONAL SERVICE

by

H. L. Percy

United Press Staff Correspondent.

LINKED UP with Britain's anti-aircraft army are several voluntary organisations, which, while coming under the heading of Air Raid Precautions, are not actually military in the strict sense of the word.

For instance, there is the observer corps. Members of this, mostly on the coast, man observation posts, and give first warning of approaching enemy aircraft. A complicated code of telephone signals has already been arranged for flashing the warning to local headquarters. Recruits must be above the age of 30 and have good hearing and eyesight.

Then there is the balloon barrage. Hundreds of blimps dangling curtains of steel wire will encircle the principal cities. Their purpose is to force enemy planes to heights at which accurate bombing will be impossible.

In addition to London, the following cities are to have barrages: Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Derby, Hull, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton, Glasgow and Cardiff. It has been officially stated that barrages for most of these cities will be in operation next summer, and all of them by the end of the year.

100 PER CENT OPERATIVE

In London, it was added, the barrage was 90 per cent operative at the end of 1938, and will be 100 per cent by this month.

Service in the balloon barrage squadrons is also voluntary, and is open to men aged between 25 and 50 years, who are fit, and have no other duties, which-hunters, riggers and fabric workers.

Another auxiliary service is the training of employees in factories and plants in anti-aircraft defence. Airplane factories, automobile plants, steel mills, and the "shadow" factories now turning out machinery, but which in war-time can be turned over to munitions, will be defended by their own staffs.

These men, classed as indispensable, are being equipped with machineguns and light two-pound guns for defence against low-flying attacks. Their uniform will be their coveralls, and they will be required to be able to get into action within 20 minutes of downing tools.

LAST LINE OF DEFENCE

Britain's second and last line of defence in the next war will be her civil population.

An estimated total of 36,000,000 will be available for this vast "army of the rear," engaged only in passive defence. It will include some young men, unfit for fighting or indispensable, practically all men past the fighting age up to about 70; and all able-bodied women.

Under the general heading of "National Service," over a score of organisations are open to these civilians, all of them designed to contend with the effects and results of air attack. They range from air-raid wardens to evacuation officers.

All services are completely voluntary at present, but as Sir John Anderson, the official Minister for Civil Defence, has explained, it can be made compulsory.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time in 900 years, will be in grave danger of armed invasion. In the past the navy kept her shores intact. The danger now is from the air. To meet this modern peril, Britain is organising her civil population. Every able-bodied man and woman will have a job to do. This series of articles tells the story of Britain's army of "passive defence," and of the hundred-and-one other ways in which Britain is preparing for war at home.

pulsory almost at a moment's notice in an emergency.

Decision to let everybody have a hand in defending his and her country was taken after the Czechoslovakian crisis. Before that, that is from January, 1938, the Air Raid Precautions Act covered what little preparation for defence there was. This was a more or less lukewarm recruitment as air-raid wardens, weekly instruction in dealing with gas and bombs, and so forth.

PUBLIC DEMAND

After the crisis, however, the public began to demand bigger and better defence. They demanded a compulsory national register, and, in some cases, compulsory national service.

The government's answer was that a compulsory register was not desirable, although with the machinery of the next census in 1941, such a register is being prepared which could be made compulsory in about three weeks, instead of many months.

In its place they offered voluntary national service, and appointed Sir John Anderson to the ancient post of Lord Privy Seal with the duties, but not the title, of Minister of Civil Defence.

Anderson, diplomat rather than politician, quickly got to work. On November 3, 1938, in his first speech in the House of Commons, he outlined his programme, as follows:

1. An evacuation policy.
2. Public shelters.
3. Regional organisation to take over in war-time.
4. Relationship between the government and local authorities regarding A.R.P.
5. London's defence problems.
6. National voluntary service.
7. Changes in the A.R.P. organisation.

In the three months since then Anderson has announced plans for most of these seven points. One of his first steps was the appointment of a "brain trust" of six leading business-men to advise on defence problems, and receive representations regarding delays, defects, and difficulties.

Before Parliament rose for the Christmas vacation, he announced that in January national service would be introduced. He said it would be entirely voluntary, and a trial period of three months only.

At the end of this month, Parliament is to review its progress and decide whether it is necessary to make it compulsory. As the Minister has explained, it can be made compulsory.

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Serious Clashes On Moravian Frontier

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outside world, writes the diplomat correspondent of the "Observer," although, he adds, a great deal has happened.

In Prague, the appointment of a new Slovak Cabinet is regarded as a provisional compromise, which for the time being, ensures a constitutional government in Slovakia.

Slovak opinion is divided between the new Premier Sidor and the youthful radicals demanding separation.

Another factor is the German minority which, although numerically weak, clamours loudly on behalf of the Slovak extremists, whose leader asserts that behind them stands the power of the Reich.

A very hopeful feature is the absence of any reported incidents.

GERMAN PROTECTION?

Well-informed circles are of the opinion that it is probable Mr. Sidor's Government may be compelled to demand the withdrawal of Czech forces, after which, the recently disposed leaders may return. There is some talk of the possibility of a separate Slovak State under German protection, with a customs and currency union with the Reich.

Hitherto the German Government has taken no active steps, nor replied to ex-Premier Tiso's note requesting help. German officials confess inability to read the situation clearly, but deplore its dangerous possibilities.

Semi-official German opinion trends to regard Sidor's Government as a paper Ministry, but lack of positive German action has given rise to the belief in some quarters that the Reich has not decided whether it is opportune to back the Slovak secessionists to the full.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN CLAIM

Warsaw, Mar. 12. The view that Ruthenia should be incorporated in Hungary was expressed by Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister in a statement to the Foreign Affairs Commission, in which he shed light on certain important aspects of foreign policy.

He said that the Government had no declaration to make on the Ukrainian problem. It was raised by press propaganda, and was not diplomatic action.

Their relations with Soviet were based on a pact of non-aggression and the bilateral declaration of November last. Traces of actual feelings between the two, but through their attitude towards other States and problems, had disappeared.

Colonel Beck next referred to Poland's interest in the Baltic region, the situation at Danzig, and the negotiations with Germany on the subject of the minorities.

COLONIAL CLAIMS

Dealing with colonial claims which "life obliges us to consider," Colonel Beck said that foreign attitude to Polish wishes was becoming more and more friendly. The Government had not formulated precise demands or plans, but it was convinced that it would be called to table deliberations as soon as the question was ready for international discussion.

The problem of Jewish emigration must be settled in collaboration with States in possession of territories for emigrants, and the Jews themselves.—Reuter.

MORAVIAN INCIDENTS

Prague, Mar. 12. A series of incidents during which Czechs assaulted Germans occurred in Brunn, Moravia, to-day on the occasion of the anniversary of the incorporation of Austria into the Reich.

All German house owners and tenants had hoisted Swastika flags as well as the Czech-Slovakia flag.

The first incident occurred in the morning at the German Hotel Hoffmann, where a number of Czechs smashed a window and attempted to tear down the Swastika flag.

About the same time, a German fireman was assaulted by Czechs in a street and knocked down.

When a Czech crowd sang the Czech National Anthem in the largest square in the city, a German, who did not take off his hat, and his wife were assaulted. The police, it is alleged, did not interfere.

Another incident took place when a German student was attacked by Czechs.

News of the incidents attracted large crowds, who marched through the streets singing German songs, and protesting against the Czech action.

A further affair took place in Prague when several young Germans in a Czech cafe were assaulted by Czechs as they sang German songs. Two of the Germans were seriously injured in the fight, while the police arrested one of the assailants.—Trans-Ocean.

LEFTIST PUTSCH RUMOURS

Reichenberg, Mar. 12. Rumours of a Leftist putsch to take place this week are current among followers of the dissolved Czech

Leftist parties, according to messages from Prague.

The aim would be to bring ex-President Benes and his group to power again.

The putsch plans are said to be backed by legionaries and a part of the General Staff.

The planned coup would also extend to Slovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

DIPLOMATS PUZZLED

London, Mar. 12. The anniversary of the Anschluss found diplomatic circles puzzled whether this week's events in Czechoslovakia have heralded another step in Germany's "Drang nach Osten."

Opinions differ whether Germany had any part in the disturbances, although the majority opinion tends to the belief that she encouraged the Slovak separatist movement in order to strengthen her grip on Czechoslovakia.

However, some quarters believe that Germany is now puzzled as to what course to take. They point out that with the new orientation of Polish foreign policy turning toward Russia and France, Germany may well feel that separation of the Slovaks and Czechs would weaken the Czech buffer against Poland.

The Czech Government's handling of the Slovak events, following Rumania's recent anti-Nazi action is regarded here as symptomatic of the growing feeling in Central Europe that resistance to German aggression which was broken at Munich, must be built up again.

At the same time, it is suggested that the Slovak events may be behind-scenes in the council's move to obtain a common Polish-Hungarian frontier.

That Count Ciano may have initiated this when he visited Poland, in order to offset Italy's failure to obtain definite German support in the Mediterranean is discussed in diplomatic quarters.

It is considered here that Poland will now be the central point in European developments so far as the stiffening of Central Europe's attitude to the Nazis is concerned. Thus it is rumoured that Colonel Beck, when he goes to London early in April, will attempt to gain Mr. Chamberlain's support for opposing further Nazi domination in Danzig, and also sympathy for Poland's policy of friendship with Russia and France.—United Press.

ILL-TREATMENT REPORTS

Berlin, Mar. 12. A stream of reports of ill-treatment of Germans in Czechoslovakia is pouring into Berlin, recalling similar reports during the September crisis.

Newspapers allege that many Germans have been wounded, and the windows of German shops smashed.

The German News Agency alleges that Czechs attacked the Hlinka Guards at Pressburg with fixed bayonets, and wounded eleven of them.

The "Zeit," the former Sudeten organ now published in Germany, reports that German students were wounded by Czechs in Prague. It adds that at Brno Czechs smashed the windows of German houses, and numerous attempts were made to tear down the Swastika flag. A German worker was hung to the ground and beaten.

Shouts of "Down with the Swastika" and "Benes will come back and show you Germans," and the singing of "Thunder and lightning over the Germans," which a German song, are reported.

It is alleged that a German who did not remove his hat during the song was struck down.

The "Zeit" finally declares that there is talk in Prague of a putsch this week for the return of Benes.

The same Agency reports from Bratislava that the chief of the Hlinka Guards has issued a manifesto declaring that he himself is "no longer worthy to call himself Commander-in-Chief of the Guards."

It is suggested in Budapest that an independent Slovak State is to be formed under German protection.—Reuter.

ARMoured CARS IN STREETS

Prague, Mar. 12. Armoured cars are continually patrolling the streets of Bratislava. Tension is increasing.

According to the Slovaks, an engagement between Hlinka Guards and Czech soldiers resulted in 11 casualties.

The new Slovak Ministers who arrived in Prague were sworn in immediately and returned to Slovakia.

President Hacha has signed a decree postponing the session of the Slovak Parliament.

Premier Sidor is on his way to Prague to discuss the latest developments with the central Government.

A Berlin message says that the Czechoslovak Government is again strongly criticised in an officially inspired statement to-night.—Reuter.

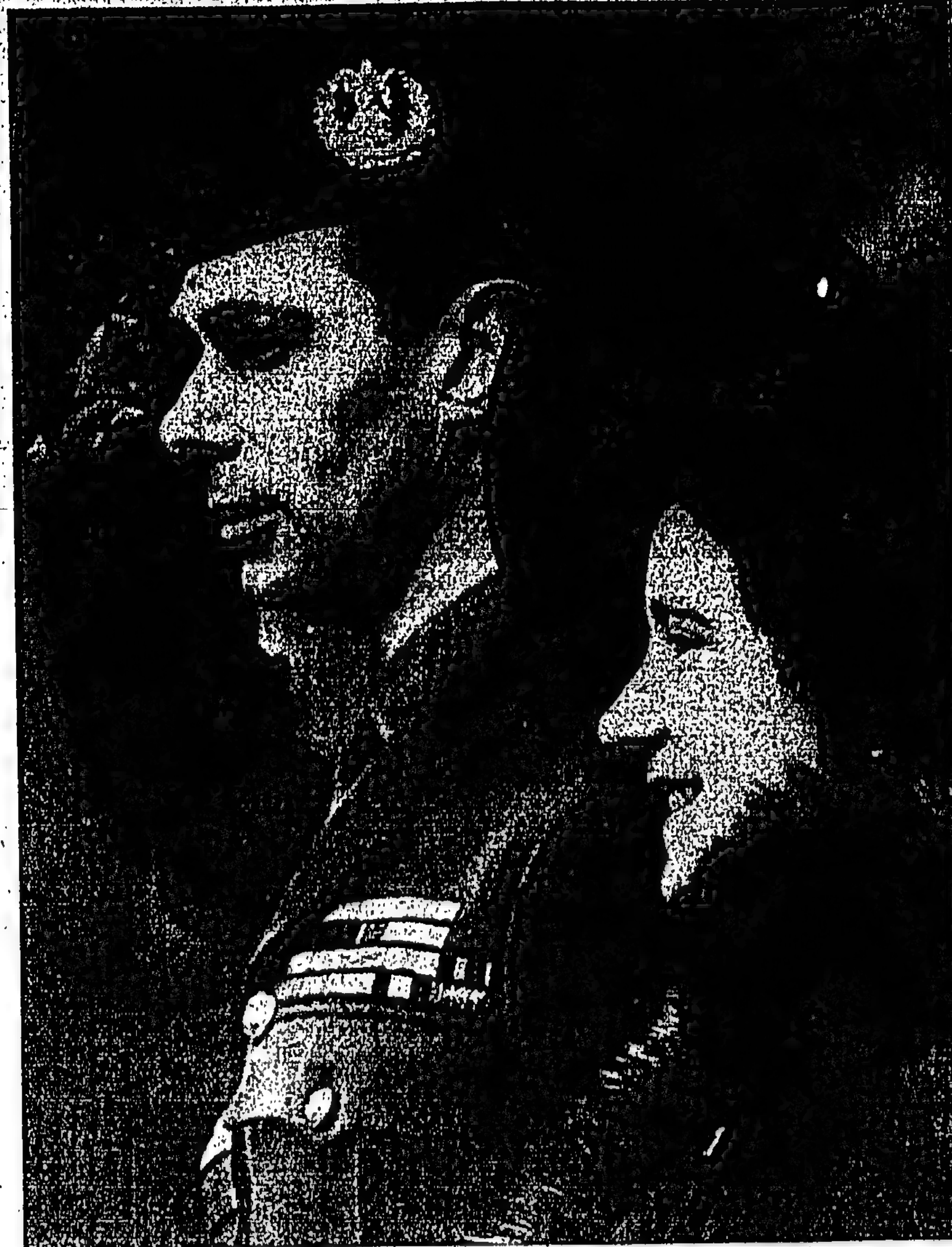
P. W. D. OFFICES

Garages to Be Converted By Government

It is notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Conversion of P.W.D. Garages into offices" will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of Monday, March 27.

The work consists of the partial demolition of the existing garages and the addition of an extra story to convert them into offices.

It is also notified that sealed tenders marked "Tender for New Government Store, for New Government Store, for New Government Store" will be received until noon of March 27. The work consists of the erection of a store and offices.



As Highland troops march past at Alderhot recently, the King stands at the salute, with the Queen smiling at his side. The King is wearing the uniform of the Cameron Highlanders, of which he is colonel-in-chief. March past followed dedication of a new wing of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

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weeks at time of writing. It is impossible to say whether or not it is succeeding.

NATIONAL SERVICE

National Service was initiated about the last week in January with the issue of a White Paper listing several hundred "reserved occupations."

This meant that generally speaking those engaged in occupations listed should not volunteer for national service, and might not be required in war time, since their occupation comes under the heading of indispensable.

It was estimated that it accounted for about 7,000,000 of the working population. It contained many anomalies. For instance, the list included all the mechanical branches of the newspaper trade, but not the editorial staffs.

20,000,000 HANDBOOKS

At the same time as the White Paper, the Government, through the mails, distributed 20,000,000 handbooks to householders throughout the country. These 48-page booklets, in concise and simple language, rounded up all the various defence organisations the man-in-the-street can join if he wishes.

Brief particulars about the age limits, the nature of the work, how to join, and where to get additional information are set out for each service.

Officially entitled "National Service: A guide to the ways in which the people of this country may give service," it contains a message from Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

This is a facsimile letter in Chamberlain's own hand-writing on No. 10 Downing Street notepaper. It reads:

I am writing to you to tell you that the Government is now asking you to help in the defence of this country. It is asking you to join one of the many services which are now being organised. These services are of many kinds, and you can choose the one which suits you best. You can join the Home Guard, the Territorial Army, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Royal Air Force, or the Women's Land Army. You can also join one of the many other services which are now being organised. I am sure that you will find one of these services which will suit you, and that you will be able to help in the defence of this country. I am sure that you will find one of these services which will suit you, and that you will be able to help in the defence of this country.

The wording of the first two sentences of this message caused a delay in the distribution of the handbooks. It had been planned to issue them about the first or second week in January, but Chamberlain and Lord Halifax were going to Rome on January 11, and it was felt that the Italians might not like the remark about "being strong."

The handbook also contains a foreword by Sir John Anderson. He says: "The call is to peace and not to war. We have no thought of aggression; our one wish is to live at peace with all peoples. But if this wish is to be fulfilled we must be up and doing. We must make ourselves strong so that our influence for peace may be real, and we must make ourselves safe so that others cannot be tempted to thoughts of aggression against us."

Anderson points out that the handbook offers new careers in the regular fighting services; that it helps to decide whether the reader is "engaged in work vital to the country's security which is itself national service"; and that it is possible to undertake some new whole-time or part-time service in war time and to train for it in peace time.

SERVICES LISTED

Here are the services listed in the handbook:

MAINLY FOR YOUNGER MEN:

The auxiliary fire service, ages 25-50.

The Royal Naval volunteer reserve, ages 18-50.

The Army Supplementary Reserve—Infantry of the line, ages 17-50.

The Territorial Army, general service in field army, anti-aircraft and coastal defence units, ages 18-50.

The auxiliary air force flying squadrons, ages 18-50.

Those with some special qualifications or experience.

The Royal Naval reserve for officers and men of the Mercantile Marine, for:

Tradesmen, for:

The Royal Naval volunteer reserve, ages 17-50.

The Territorial Army, ages 17-50.

The Royal Air Force volunteer reserve, ages 18-50.

The auxiliary air force, ages 18-50.

More highly educated men, for:

Pilot and observer duties in the air branch of the Royal Naval volunteer reserve, ages 17-50.

The Army Supplementary Reserve of Officers, ages 18-50.

The Royal Air Force volunteer reserve—Pilot section, ages 18-50. Aircraft crew section, ages 18-50.

Auxiliary air force flying squadrons—pilots, ages 18-50. Aircraft crews, ages 18-50.

The Royal Naval volunteer (Wireless) reserve, ages 18-50.

The Royal Air Force civilian wireless reserve, ages 18-50.

MAINLY FOR OLDER MEN:

The Royal Air Force reserve, ages over 30.

A.R.P. first aid parties and decontamination squads, ages 25-50.

A.R.P. report centers and attendants and first aid posts, ages 30-50.

A.R.P. communications, men over 40, and youths under 18.

The special constabulary, age over 20.

The ground section of the Royal Air Force volunteer reserve, ages 30-50.

The balloon squadrons of the auxiliary air force, ages 25-50.

The civil air guard, ages 18-50.

Those with some special qualifications or experience:

A.R.P. rescue and demolition parties for buildings, ages 25-50.

The first police reserve for police pensioners, ages 18-50.

County auxiliary watchmen, age over 40.

The Royal Fleet reserve for ex-sailors and ex-marines.

The Royal Marine Police Special Reserve, for ex-marine police, ages 40-50.

Radio amateurs, ages 18-55.

FOR WOMEN:

A.R.P. air raid wardens, ages over 25.

A.R.P. first aid posts, ages 20-50.

A.R.P. ambulance drivers and attendants, report centers and communications, and miscellaneous duties, ages over 18.

The auxiliary fire service, ages 20-50.

St. John Ambulance brigade, ages 17-55.

St. Andrew's ambulance corps, ages 18-55.

British Red Cross society, ages 18-55.

Registration for other training in nursing, ages 18-55.

The auxiliary territorial service, ages 18-55.

Royal Air Force companies, ages 18-42.

The civil air guard, ages 18-50.

SERVICES NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED FOR TRAINING IN PEACE TIME.

The Royal Navy or Royal Marines, for ex-sailors and ex-marines under 42.

The Royal Naval volunteer supplementary reserve for yachtsmen, ages 18-50.

The Mercantile Marine war service list for ex-seamen.

Army supplementary reserve for fitters, turners, electricians, welders and drivers, ages 18-42.

The National Defence companies for ex-soldiers over 45.

The Royal Air Force reserve for ex-airmen.

The officer cadet reserve for ex-cadet officers, ages 18-31.

The officers' emergency reserve, for men with technical, specialist, or academic qualifications, ages 31-55.

The Royal Air Force Officers' emergency reserve, for ex-officers of the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy, the Royal Flying Corps or the Royal Air Force.

Women's Land Army.

Women's service in the Royal Navy, Auxiliary hospital service.

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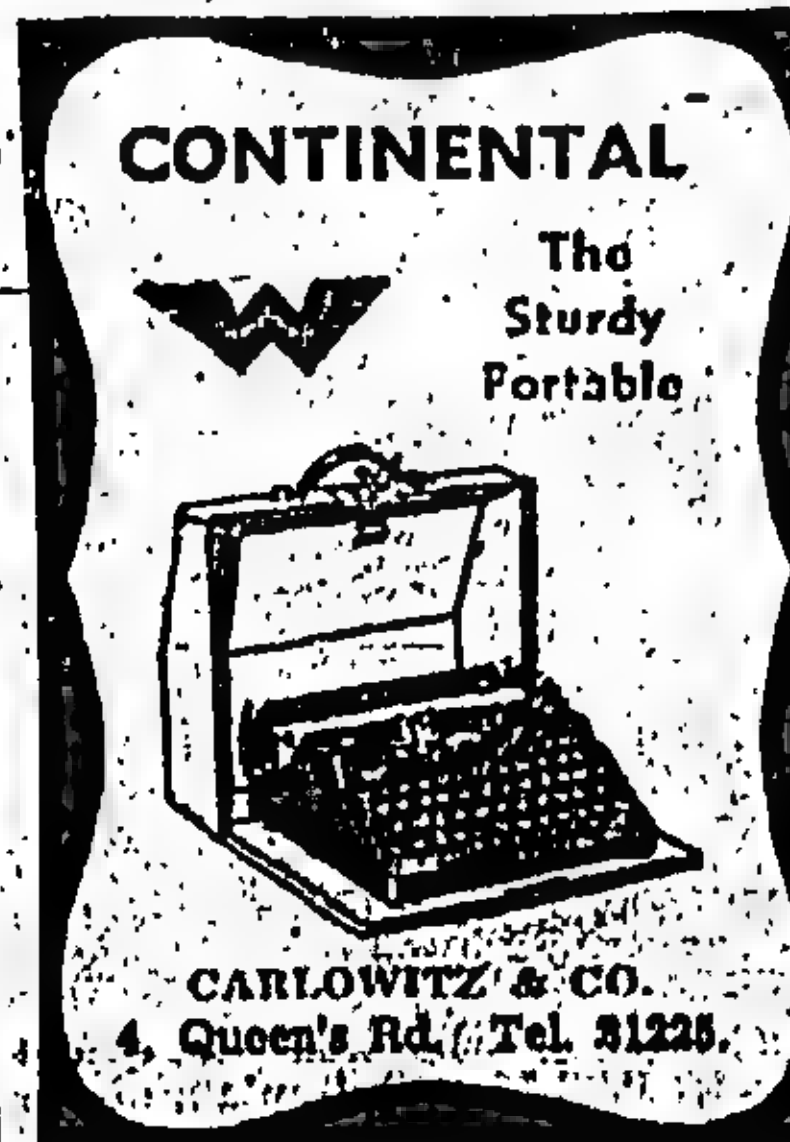
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POLICE DESERVE TO WIN RUGGER TOURNAMENT

But P. And O. Out Of Luck In The Final Encounter

(By "Fly-Half")

Before a large gathering which included their Excellencies the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote and the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasset, Police "A" won the local Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament and the right to have their name inscribed on the Blarney Stone Shield at Happy Valley on Saturday.

The Police are also credited with being the first team comprising some non-Club members to have ever won the Tournament. Last year before rugby had become an organised sport in the Force, a few enthusiastic Police rugby players got together and entered a seven. They were narrowly beaten by Club "A" who went on to win the Tournament; so the Police are to be congratulated on their success in this, their second effort.

Despite dismal weather the games on Saturday were of a high standard and were all keenly contested. In all but one game victory depended on that one try convert which makes all the difference. The ball soon became greasy, which made handling extremely difficult whilst the simplest of kicks at goal were missed. Only three of the 19 tries scored were converted; two by Fay, the Police player and one by Grieve of the P. and O. Building team. With conditions as they were, play was considerably slowed down, whilst sliding past a stationary ball was a frequent occurrence.

TEAM WORK

The Police seven owe their success to all-round team work, with their covering and backing up a feature. They were dour in defence and have to thank Taylor, their 15-stone full back for their extra try which got them to the final.

The three forwards, Oakley, Searle and Heath, laid the foundation to the Police victories by their wholehearted displays. Luscumb, the scrum-half, had a difficult task with a ball which skidded out of the scrum one moment and stuck in the mud the next. Fay did some good work with his feet in attack and kept a firm grip on his opposing number in defence. Wilson played as he has seldom done before in Hongkong. His defence was magnificent and he always had an eye for an opening. Taylor was their outstanding player and was instrumental in getting most of their tries. He is tall, heavy with a long stride and has a wicked hand-off, which more than one player found to his cost. Bidwell was about the only player who coped with him effectively by taking him low, good and hard.

P. AND O. UNLUCKY

The other finalists, the P. and O. Building, were unfortunate to lose Brown in the first five minutes as this resulted in their having to play on back short. Their forwards stood up to their task well, with the evergreen Peers and Austin to the fore. Welch played a stout game at scrum-half and Grieve played well without being brilliant. Brown played a steady game throughout although he found his lack of speed a bit of a handicap at times.

Bidwell was the mainstay of the team, while he and Taylor were the outstanding players in the Tournament. The Club player used his speed to advantage and in defence he saved his side time and again with crashing tackles.

THE FINAL

With Police and the P. and O. Building in the final, the odds were

in favour of the latter winning because of their formidable pair of backs, Grieve and Bidwell. Police chances of victory were, however, by no means ruled out in view of the conditions which suited the heavier Police side.

Police went all out right from the kick-off and soon had the Building's line in danger when Taylor went through and looked good for a try, but Bidwell chased after him and overtook him five yards from the line to bundle him into touch. A truly magnificent recovery, Fay next raised the Police team's hopes by a long dribble which again was thwarted by Welch racing back and kicking the ball over the dead-ball line. But Police were not to be outdone and from a line-out Heath broke away to score an unconverted try. Half-time came with Police holding a three-point lead.

Police began the second half where they had left off. Taylor, who was playing his best game in the series, dashed away for the line, but once again Bidwell brought him down with a crash tackle just on the line. Heartened by this respite the Building went into attack and after Grieve had paved the way he passed to Bidwell who dashed past Luscumb to score a try and level the scores. Grieve failed to convert.

Just on time Wilson ran off in grand style to outstrip the field, except Grieve who caught up with him and brought him down; the ball went loose and Taylor, backing up, dribbled over unhindered for the try which won them the Tournament. Fay made certain by converting from an easy position in front of the goal.

Police were worthy winners and it is a pity that their victory loses some of its glory through an early injury to Brown. In a collision with Taylor, the Building's player broke his wrist and had to leave the field after only two minutes' play. This final will be remembered for the brilliance of Taylor in attack and of Bidwell in defence.

At the conclusion of play, His Excellency the Governor presented the Blarney Stone Shield to G. S. Wilson, captain of the Police team.

THE TEAMS

The following players took part on Saturday:

P. and O. and Another.—J. T. Brown; H. D. Bidwell and W. E. Grieve; P. Welch; C. Austin, W. E. Peers and G. M. Morris.

Hongkong Bank.—M. G. Carruthers; D. G. Day and A. H. R. Dutcher; E. L. Tavernier; E. A. Boncompas; J. S. Dunnett and K. A. Watson.

Small Ships "A".—Tel. Polkinghorne; Pay. Lt. Bucknall and Sub. Lt. Ashton; Lt. Cdr. Clarke; Lt. Anderson, Lt. (E) Brown and A. B. Bowerman.

5th A.A. "A".—Sgt. Page; Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Easterbrook; Gnr.

FINISH OF A SPLENDID RACE



An exciting finish in one of the girls' races at the Central British School's annual athletic meeting held on Saturday afternoon. The weather was dismal, but nevertheless the boys and girls all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

ST. JOSEPH'S DEFEATED BY EASTERN IN A DULL LEAGUE TIE

(By "Abe")

In a game which was as dull as the weather, Eastern defeated St. Joseph's easily on the Club ground yesterday in the First Division of the Football League, winning by five goals to nil after leading by two goals at half time.

Actually the final score rather exaggerated the superiority of the Eastern eleven, though there is no doubt whatever that they deserved to take full points. But for long periods on end, the Saints had as much of the ball as the winners, and only the ineffective play of the forwards plus resolute defence by Eastern prevented them from scoring.

The ground was so slippery that the players found it difficult to keep on their feet, let alone exhibit good ball control. Nevertheless the Eastern defenders were always on top of their opponents and repelled all their attacks with ease.

Both sides were unable to field their full teams, but the Eastern reserves fitted in better than the Saints' reserves. In the absence of a regular goal-keeper, A. J. Hussain had to keep goal, and though this was his first experience between the sticks in a League match he acquitted himself well. But for him, the Eastern score might have been more, towards the end when the Eastern eleven over-ran the Saints' defence, it was he who stopped several apparently certain goals.

EASTERN TAKE LEAD

Lee Tack-kee scored both Eastern's goals in the first period. The Saints also had their opportunities, but were unable to make use of them.

In the second half, the Saints made several positional changes to no effect. If anything the defence was weakened and the Eastern forwards found their task made easier by the bad positioning of Marcal and Bowen, the full backs. Ward, Elms and Souza worked very hard in the forward line but their inability to control the ball and the steady play of the Eastern halves and backs rendered their efforts hopeless.

For fully 15 minutes after the resumption, however, the Saints held their own. Then Soong Ling-sing shot at goal, and Hussain, thinking the ball was going past above the bar, had the mortification of seeing it hit him on the rebound and roll past the goal-line. Shortly after this, Woo Chi-sang added the fourth and two minutes before the final whistle, Chan Bing-to scored the fifth.

Teams: Eastern.—Lau Hin-hon; B. Y. Zee; Tsang Chung-wan; Lal Shi-lai; Ho King-shing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chan

TENNIS TOURNAMENT CONTINUES

Two Good Doubles Ties To-Day

Weather permitting, the annual tennis championships of the Colony will be continued at the Hongkong Cricket Club this afternoon.

Four ties in the singles and two in the doubles are down for decision to-day. There does not seem to be anything of real interest in the singles, but the two-doubles matches should provide some good tennis. In one, the Tsui brothers, holders of the title, will be opposed by Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain, who so surprisingly defeated J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios in the first round last week. Though the Tsuis should win, their opponents can be relied upon to put up some measure of resistance to make the match worth while watching.

In the other doubles match, A. V. Goncalves and J. J. Remedios, of the Club de Recreio, will play W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher, one of the best combinations in the tournament. Some fast play ought to be seen here. The programme to-day is as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Peter P. v. L. J. S. Theobald
Leong Ping-chiu v. Lee Wai-long
A. Crawford v. Pang O-lam
S. A. Rumjahn v. N. L. Evans

OPEN DOUBLES

A. V. Goncalves and v. W. C. Hung and J. J. Remedios v. E. C. Fincher
Tsui Wai-pui and v. O. B. A. Hussain and Tsui Yun-pai

Bing-to, Soong Ling-sing, Lee Tack-kee, Woo Chi-sang and Yu Hop-hing.
St. Joseph's.—Hussain; Marcal; Bowen; Souza; Leonard; Percora; Rocha; Castillo; Ward, Elms and Sprinkle.

DANE WINS BADMINTON TITLE

English Championship Finals Played

London, Mar. 11. The English Badminton Championships finals, which have just concluded, resulted as follows:

Men's Singles.—T. Madsen (Denmark) beat R. Nichols (holder).
Women's Singles.—Mrs. Walton (Canada) beat Miss Doveton.
Men's Doubles.—T. Boyle and J. Rankin beat E. Nichols and R. Nichols (holders).
Women's Doubles.—Mrs. Dalsgard and Miss Olsen (Denmark) beat Mrs. Barrett and Miss Doveton (England).
Mixed Doubles.—R. Nichols and Miss Staples beat J. Rankin and Mrs. McNorton.—*Reuter*.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL RESULTS

SENIOR SHIELD SEMI-FINAL

South China "A" 6 Eastern 1

FIRST DIVISION

Club 1 Kwong Wah 3
Police 0 Kowloon 0
Eastern 5 St. Joseph's 1

SECOND DIVISION

Police 1 Kowloon 0
R.A.O.C. 0 5th Bde. R.A. 4
Club 0 Middlesex 4
R. Scots 0 South China 0
*Not played.

THIRD DIVISION "A"

"Runners-up" Play-off
30th Bty 2 South China 2

LEAGUE TABLE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
Navy	18	13	3	2	50	23
S. China "A"	15	12	0	3	54	13
Eastern	10	10	2	4	44	30
Middlesex	18	8	3	7	30	19
S. China "B"	17	7	3	7	31	29
Kowloon	16	7	3	6	22	17
Kwong Wah	19	6	5	8	24	17
R. Scots	17	4	7	6	33	15
Police	18	7	0	11	40	14
Club	19	4	1	14	32	9
St. Joseph's	17	2	3	12	20	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
Middlesex	20	16	1	3	81	30
S. China	19	15	2	2	54	22
R. Scots	20	15	1	4	72	19
5th Bde. R.A.	19	14	3	2	56	20
Kwong Wah	19	11	0	8	64	22
R. Engineers	17	8	0	9	54	17
R.A.O.C.	19	7	2	10	53	16
Kowloon	21	7	0	14	34	14
St. Joseph's	17	6	0	11	33	12
Police	20	5	2	13	20	12
Eastern	16	0	4	12	19	4
Club	19	1	1	17	14	3

LEAGUE SOFTBALL MATCHES

Recreio Narrowly Defeat Midgets In Play Off

In the second play-off in the triple tie for the men's Softball League championship, the Club de Recreio beat the Midgets by the narrow margin of two runs at King's Park yesterday.

Last week, the Midgets beat the Chinese Baseball Club, the other team in the tie, by 12-6, and next week, the Club de Recreio will meet the Chinese B.C. in the final play-off. A win for the latter in this game will again deadlock the positions.

The scores yesterday were:
Men's League
Recreio 2 Midgets 0
Inter-Hong League
Soony 11 Shell Oilers 2
Green Spots 5 Union Ins. 3

TO TOUR SAIGON

Provided permission is forthcoming from the Hongkong Football Association, the Eastern Football Club will be sending a team to Haiphong and Hanoi for a series of matches at the end of this month.

It is understood that at the invitation of the French Indo-China soccer authorities, Eastern, who are third in the local League Table at the present moment, will play three matches in Hanoi and two in Haiphong.

If the H.K.F.A. gives the necessary permission for the tour, the Eastern team will leave the Colony on March 28, and will be away for approximately three weeks.

Strong though the Eastern players are without outside help, they intend to invite a couple of other players to join them for the tour.

It is also possible that Eastern will make a trip to Macao in the near future to play the Portuguese colony.

Cambridge Beat Oxford At Hockey

London, Feb. 22.

I cannot remember a year when forecasts of the University hockey match were so unanimous, and what is more, that most difficult of all forecasts—a draw, says an English writer.

When Cambridge opened the score three minutes from the start and scored again 10 minutes later it looked as if the prophets were to be confounded but Oxford rallied and scored from a short corner. Just before the interval the Dark Blues' right wing went away from what appeared to be an offside position and equalised.

Cambridge rather luckily went ahead early in the second half and, although Oxford pressed strongly, they managed to hold on to their slender lead. For this they owed much to the inspired goalkeeping of C. L. Hawson.

THE GOLF MATCH

A few weeks ago it was generally agreed that the University golf contest, to be played at Sandwich next month, would be merely a matter of by how many matches Cambridge would win.

The Dark Blues, however, are showing more encouraging form at the right time and gained their second success since the season opened by defeating Royal Mid-Surrey by 9 matches to 8, with one halved.

In a two-day match the Royal St. George's Club defeated Cambridge by 14 matches to 10. Cambridge will remain favourites but it looks as if it will be a real match after all.

Draughts Player Sues The Referee

World draughts champion, Mr. Robert Stewart, in Aldridge Sheriff Court, recently sued the referee chosen for a title match that was never played.

Mr. Stewart, who lives at Blairadam, Fife, claimed £25 from Mr. Adam Smith, of Coatbridge, the referee. He said he accepted a challenge by Mr. Samuel Levy, of Manchester, for the world title.

The match arranged at Dumfries was postponed because of Mr. Stewart's illness and the action arose because of Mr. Smith's alleged payment to Mr. Levy of £25 which, Mr. Stewart declared, was handed over as a forfeit and should not have been paid without his consent.

Sheriff Gillies allowed proof in the action, limited to the question whether the match was abandoned by Stewart or mutually abandoned.

The sheriff added that the case was complicated because Mr. Levy, h's manager, and ex-Belle Foly, of Dumfries, who was at the scene of the proposed match, were dead.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

London, Mar. 11.

In the English National Cross-country Championship, which was run to-day at Worley, Lancashire, Jack Holden, of Tipton, retained his title, running the ten miles in 63 minutes 32 seconds. A. Tyrer, of Sutton Harriers, was second in 63 mins. 42 secs., and A. Reeve, of Slough, was third in 63 mins. 55 secs. The team championship was won by the Belgrave Harriers with 122 points. Birchfield were second with 134, and Mitham (holders) were third with 193.—*Reuter*.



Above are players of H.Q. Company, 5th Bn. 5th Rajputana Rifles (Napier's), who won the recent Army Small Unit knock-out and League Hockey tournaments during the season 1938-39. The captain of the team, Lt. Prizam Nath, is seated in the centre of the middle row.—Photo by Snap Studio.

Tommy Farr To Return To United States

London, Feb. 16.

Tommy Farr, former British and Empire heavyweight champion, returned to England yesterday, ready at any moment to make a dash to America for a fight with Tony Galento, the New Jersey bartender, who is ranked second to world champion Joe Louis by American authorities.

Joe Gould, the Welshman's manager, is still trying to fix the fight, and if he succeeds will promptly notify his charge.

Until that message arrives, Farr's future is uncertain. Circumstances permitting, he would like to have another contest in this country and Len Harvey as an opponent for a bout during the open-air season.

Farr declared that he had returned home to settle some urgent family matters.

If he can manage to fix up a contest here, the ex-champion is still a big draw, but there are many things to be considered before a promoter would be able to bill him.

It must be remembered that he is still under suspension by the Board of Control, because of non-payment of a £750 fine inflicted by the Board in favour of Sydney Hull, some time ago.

This ban will have to be lifted before he could appear in this country, and it rests with the Stewards of the controlling body whether Farr is to be allowed to fight in an English ring.

According to the Welshman, Joe Gould has the final word in any matter relating to a contest, so that it would seem that his sanction would have to be obtained before the former British champion could sign contracts.

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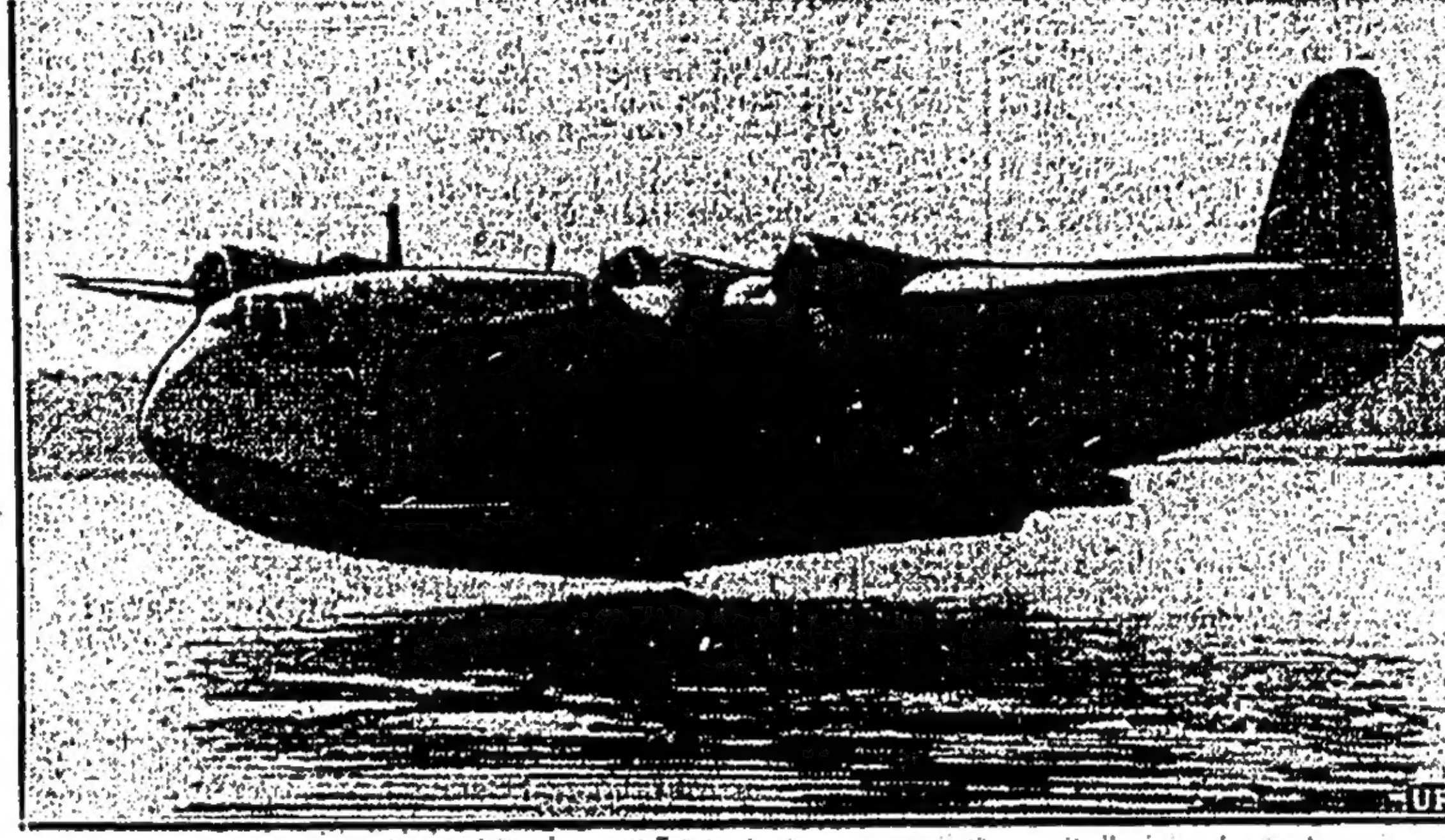
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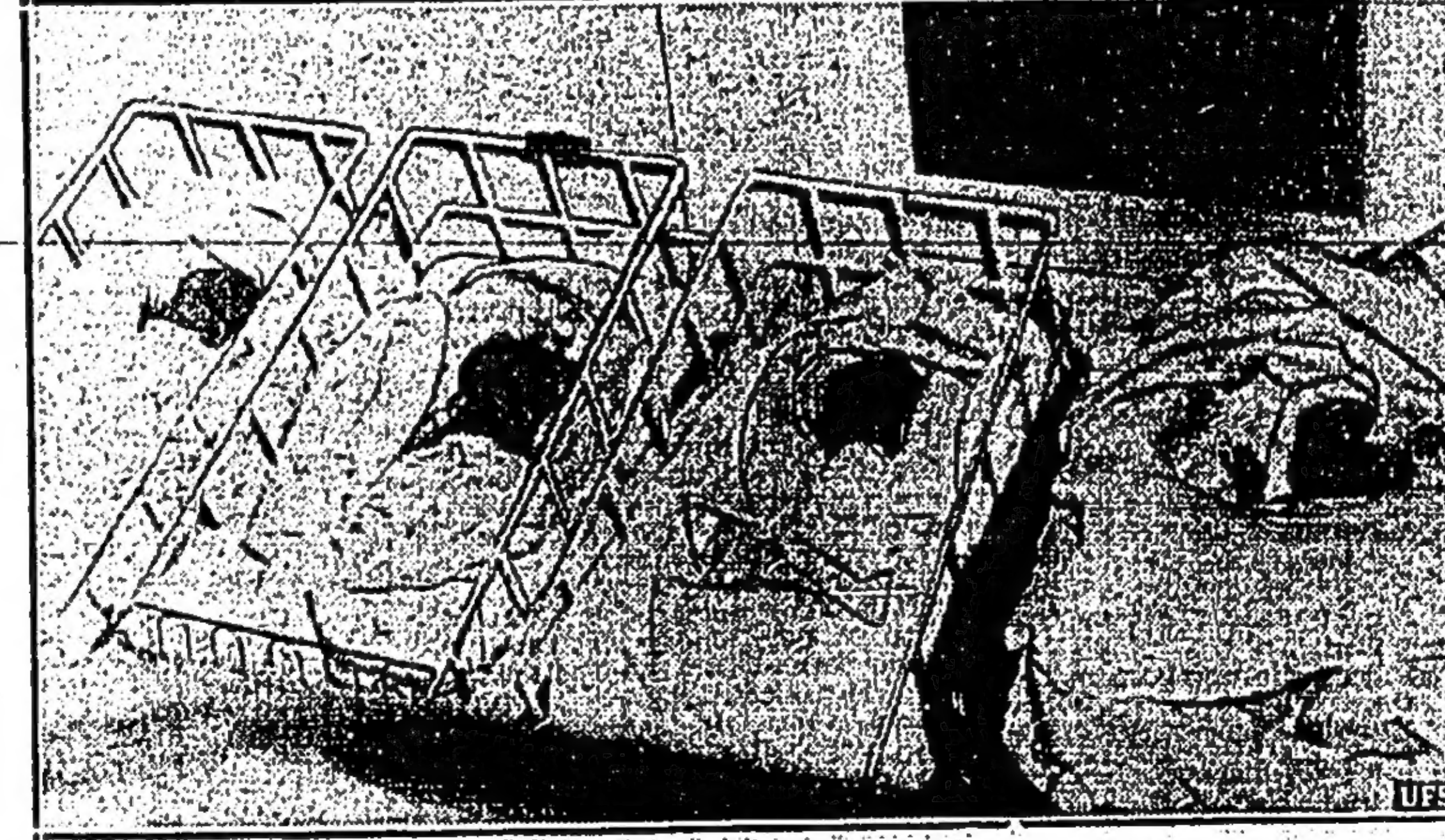
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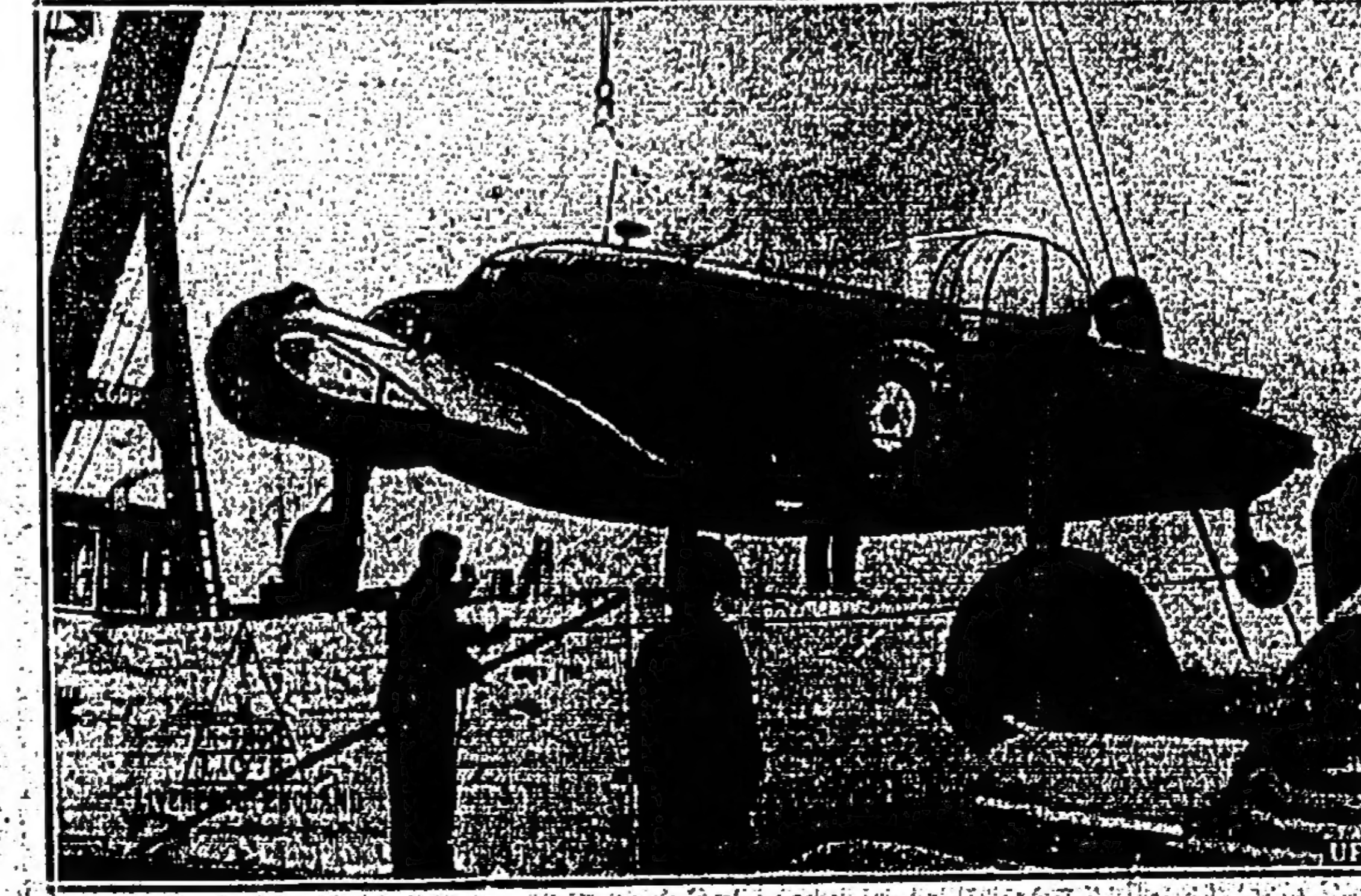
British Prime Minister Chamberlain was feted, cheered and dined in Rome, on his recent visit to Premier Mussolini, but no international problems were settled. Above, the Prime Minister is at right, at a reception given in his honour. Mussolini is at left, with Italian Foreign Minister Ciano, centre.



Here is the 21-ton flying boat Cavalier, of the Imperial Airways, that crashed down on the Atlantic and was swallowed in 10 minutes, while en route from New York to Bermuda. Ice in the carburettors was believed to have made the ship drop to the ocean.



Papa W. E. Badgett, 35, of Galveston, Texas, was a little stunned but happy, when his wife presented him with quadruplet daughters. The babies were named Joyce, Jeannette, Joan and Geraldine.



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Hongkong, 11th March, 1939.

FLAG DAY

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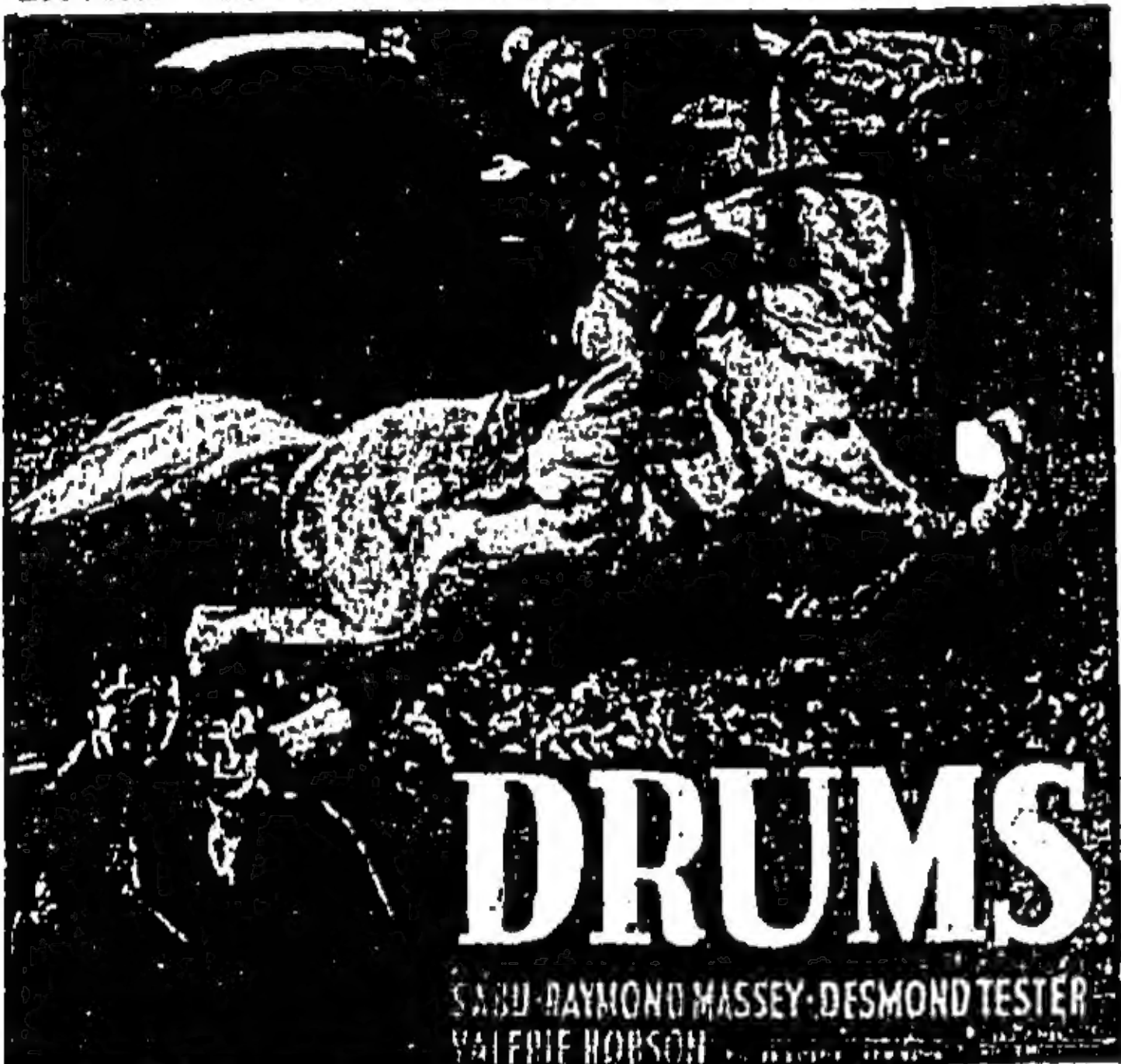
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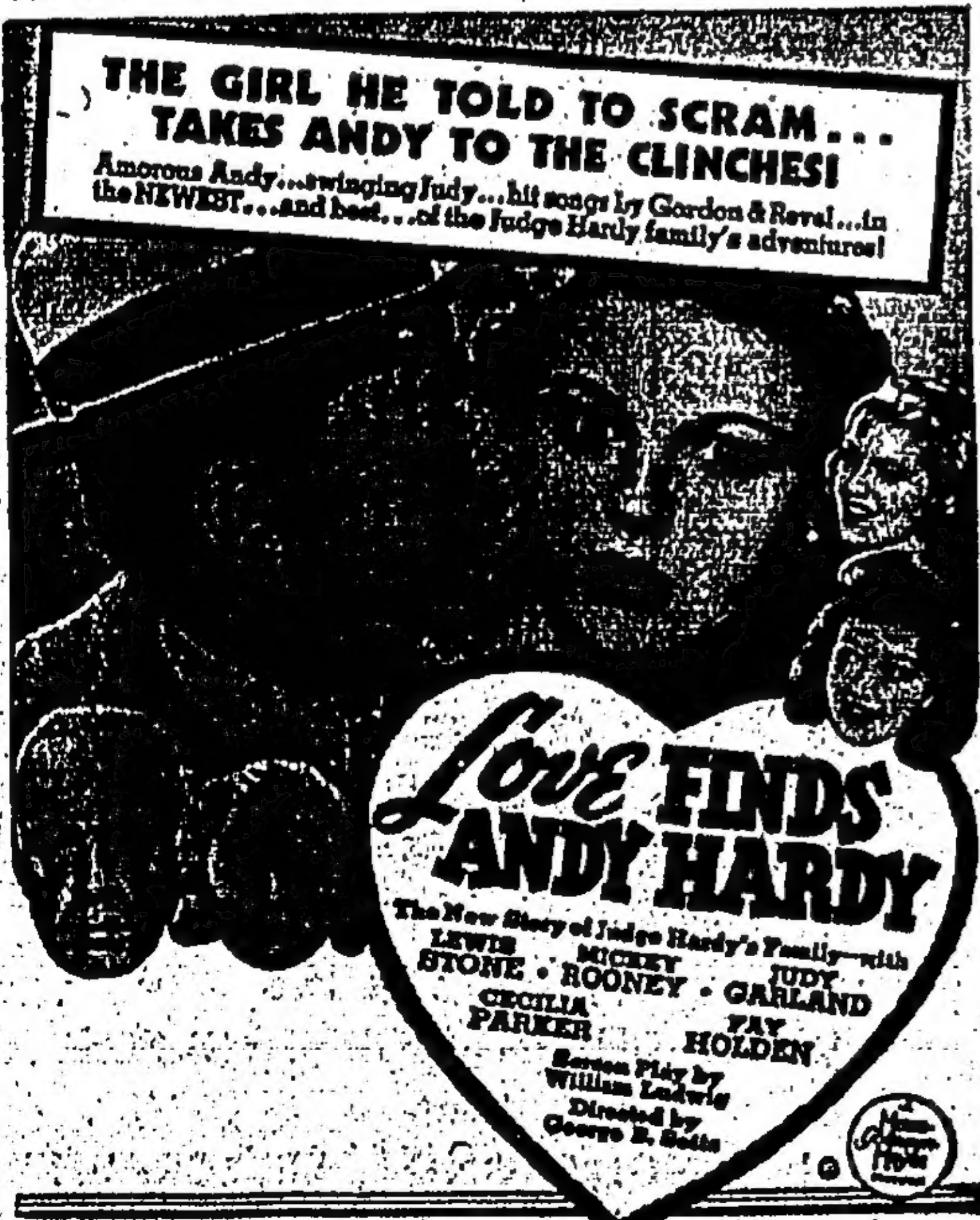
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"Mr. X" In Case Against 2 Women: Sensational Court Demonstration

A REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION occurred at the Central Magistracy this afternoon when the case opened against two Chinese women charged with exercising control over a 14-year-old American girl named Helen Wong.

In earlier charges in connection with the girl, who was born in New York, a 24-year-old man named Wong Kong was sent to prison for four months on a charge of living on the earnings of prostitution.

The girl is now in the charge of the Salvation Army.

The two women who appeared in the dock this afternoon were Chau Fu-yu, 62 and Wong Chat-mui, 45.

Mr. E. H. Williams appeared for the Crown, the case being heard by Mr. R. Edwards.

As Mr. Williams opened his case for the Crown by stating that Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant of the S.C.A., would not be present in Court to-day owing to illness, one of the defendants, Chau, began to demonstrate.

"I AM INNOCENT"

"I am innocent," she shouted in Chinese, and commenced to struggle violently in the dock.

After struggling for a short period, the woman appeared as if she was about to be ill, and the Magistrate adjourned proceedings.

Immediately after the adjournment, the woman began to sing.

The other defendant shouted: "She is putting on an act."

Chau was then taken from the Court and recovered her composure within a few minutes.

Ten minutes after the adjournment, she appeared in dock again and the Magistrate re-opened proceedings.

Counsel for the Crown intimated that his principal witness in this case, as in previous proceedings against a man, would be a local resident whose identity would be cloaked behind the name "Mr. X."

AIDED IN ARRESTS

Following the adjournment, Mr. Williams opened the case for the Crown by saying:

"At the outset, I wish to mention that a witness will be called who, in accordance with procedure in a previous case, will be referred to as 'Mr. X.'"

"It was owing to this witness that we were enabled to arrest these women, and also another man, who was defendant in a previous case."

"On January 25, 'Mr. X.' received certain information and went to the Empress Hotel. He telephoned from there to the Hotel Asia and asked for Room No. 208."

"A woman's voice answered, and he asked for this girl, Helen Wong. He asked for this girl by her Chinese name, and shortly afterwards the girl came over to the Empress Hotel in company with Chan Fu-yu."

"They both came into 'Mr. X.'s' room and Chan asked for \$11, which amount 'Mr. X.' paid."

"Chan went away and 'Mr. X.' then learned the girl's story. He arranged that he would go through the same procedure with the girl on the following evening."

TELEPHONED FOR GIRL

"Accordingly, 'Mr. X.' went to the Hotel Asia next evening, and telephoned the same room. The same voice answered, and shortly afterwards he got in touch with Miss Phyllis Harrop, the Lady Assistant of the S.C.A."

"With Miss Harrop, he went to Room 208 and saw the girl with Chan Fu-yu and two other girls. Later they went to another address where they met Wong Chat-mui, the other defendant."

"The girl said she was born in the United States, and that her father was still alive in New York. She

came to Hongkong seven years ago, and has been residing with the first defendant."

"The girl calls this woman her 'mother.' Some months ago they got into financial difficulties and the 'mother' borrowed money. The girl also borrowed money and later she, with her 'mother's' consent, became a prostitute, because they needed money to pay back their debts. In fact, the girl has been paying back the borrowed money since then."

"When charged, both women pleaded not guilty."

"ANOTHER SCENE IN COURT"

At this point there was another scene in Court, Chan Fu-yu showing signs that she was about to become violently ill.

"If you are too ill to proceed I will adjourn the case," the Magistrate said to her.

The defendant replied that she would leave it to the Magistrate's discretion.

"MR. X" GIVES EVIDENCE

"Mr. X." was then called. He wrote his name on a sheet of paper, which was handed to the Magistrate.

Mr. Williams: On January 25 you received certain information from a friend?—Yes.

"I don't want the information, but it was in connection with the obtaining of prostitutes, wasn't it?—Yes."

In consequence of that, what did you do?—I carried out certain instructions given me.

You relayed information to someone who gave you instructions?—Yes. I hired a room in the Empress Hotel and telephoned to Room No. 208 at the Asia Hotel. An elderly woman's voice answered and I asked for the girl.

The Magistrate: Did you give the name?—Yes, I said I wanted the American girl.

Mr. Williams: What was the reply?—She promised to fetch the girl over. They both appeared about twenty minutes later.

At this point the girl, dressed in Chinese costume, was brought into Court. She was accompanied by an European woman, and was identified by 'Mr. X.' as 'the American girl.'

And your mother?—My mother has no money.

Did you borrow any money?—Yes. Who borrow it?—I did.

On behalf of yourself only, or on behalf of yourself and your mother?—My mother and I borrowed the money together.

From whom?—From one surnamed Au Yeung.

How much? The loans were borrowed periodically and amounted to about \$100.

Out of that \$100, who received most of it?—The money was mostly given to me.

You said you and your mother borrowed it. Will you say exactly how much was received by your mother and how much by you?—I gave a certain amount of the money to my mother to spend and I spent some of it. I can't remember how much I gave my mother.

What arrangements were made about the repayment of the money borrowed?—The money was to be paid whenever I had it. The money was to be collected by my working as a prostitute. My mother knew of

this. The lender did not care how I paid it.

Mr. X. continued: I accompanied them to Room 208 and saw there the second defendant, a man, and two or three other girls. Afterwards, I accompanied Miss Harrop and the police to an address in Wu Fong Street and went up to the second floor. In the middle cubicle the girl pointed out the first defendant as her mother.

GIRL IN BOX

The American girl then gave her evidence as follows: My name is Tam Ling-chiu. I am sixteen years of age, Chinese reckoning and I am also called Yuet Ming and Helen Tam. I ordinarily live in No. 5 Wu Fong Street, second floor. My 'mother' lives there. I was born in New York and I do not know whether my real mother is alive or dead. I came back from New York with the first defendant. I was then nine years old. The first defendant is not my real mother.

Mr. X. continuing his evidence, said the girl left the room for a while and the old woman then demanded \$11, ten dollars for the girl's fee and one dollar for the rickshaw.

"I paid her and the woman left when the girl came in."

CALLED MISS HARROP

Mr. X. continued: Next evening I hired a room in the Hotel Asia and from that room I telephoned to Room 208. I asked for the American girl and this time it was not a woman but a man's voice that answered. The girl came up as a consequence of the call.

Mr. Williams: I think, Mr. X., that shortly after that you got in touch with Miss Harrop and she arrived with Sergeant Wall?—Yes.

Mr. Williams: You will admit that you have been practising as a prostitute for some months?—Yes.

How many months?—Six months.

"NO MONEY"

Why did you do that?—No money. You yourself or your mother?—I had no money and no one.

BECAME PROSTITUTE TO PAY DEBTS

Your 'mother' knew you were going out to be a prostitute so that you could repay her debts?—Yes.

When you repaid, was it only for what you had borrowed, or some of what your 'mother' had borrowed?—It was uncertain. Sometimes when she had no money to repay I paid it for her.

Did you do it on her behalf?—Yes. Did you tell her you were repaying it?—She knew that.

The Magistrate: She sometimes made repayments on her own account?—Yes.

Mr. Williams: Was this money lent in a lump sum or was it lent from time to time?—From time to time.

To both of you?—Yes.

The Magistrate: How did you get this money? Did you go by yourself or with your 'mother'?—Sometimes we went together; sometimes I went alone.

Mr. Williams: Did your 'mother' know all the time you were getting this money for repaying the debt by being a prostitute?—Yes.

Did you ask her consent?—It was in my power to do what I liked.

But did you ask?—There was no need.

Mr. Williams: Insisted on a direct answer and the witness answered in the affirmative.

What did she say? She said it was (Continued on Next Column.)

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within my own power. What was the last occasion on which you repaid money?—I cannot remember.

"MOTHER" HAD NO INCOME There are still some debts outstanding?—Yes.

Did you give any of your money, of getting money?—She had no income.

Did you give any of your money, apart from repaying her debts, to her?—Yes, when she had no money to spend I gave some to her.

Did she know how you got it?—Yes.

Referring to the second defendant, the girl said that she knew Chan Fu-yu, and agreed that on January 20 they were both in Room 208 at the Hotel Asia.

"Yes, the amah was there," she said, referring to Chan.

Mr. Williams: Whose amah is that? She is the amah in our employ. How long has she been in your employ?—Ever since we have been at the Hotel Asia.

On January 26, did you go to any other hotel?—Yes, to the Empress Hotel.

The Magistrate: Did anyone tell you to go there?—I was told to go there by the foh of the Empress Hotel, who telephoned.

Mr. Williams: Who answered the telephone?—The amah.

Did you hear what she said?—No. When she came back from the telephone she said that a foh had telephoned for me and I was asked to go to the Empress Hotel.

How did you go?—By rickshaw. The amah went with me.

Who paid for the rickshaw?—I did. Witness added that she went to the sixth floor and saw the amah (Continued on Page 4.)

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